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We saw the year ahead: challenging, growing, changing. Like farmers, we planted a seed, our theme, in our staff's fertile minds. Not sure it would take root, we waited anxiously. Then, it happened. Tiny sprouts of ideas, fed by the year's events, popped up. The crop was far from harvest, but we were on our way. Having poured hard labor into the weeding out of unrelated ideas, we gave remaining concepts lots of tender loving care. Finally we saw that the crop we had sweated over was going to be a good one. It fit. Our hard work rewarded us with a plentiful harvest: "the best little yearbook around!" It wasn't easy, but to grow the best, we conquered dry seasons, pests-the accompanying ...

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The West Lobby entrance, as photographed by Randy Cleven, is a familiar view to visitors coming in the circle drive. However, soon it will be a graphic example of our school's

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The delicate etchings of the winter branches will disappear in the roar and dust of the bulldozers as the reconstruction begins in early spring.

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**Building homes, leaving home,  
searching, striving, and arriving,  
they're all part of . . .**

# GROWING

Growth. It's part of every life. From cradle to grave, a person is affected by some type of growth each day. The world's population rapidly multiplies. Cities sprout suburbs, which in turn grow into cities. A rural locale blossoms into thriving communities, such as Grabill and Leo. As the area is expanded and new families settle in, existing facilities become obsolete. Just as our schools increase in physical size, so, too, the students develop. Minds increase in



knowledge, young people mature into adults, and children grow less dependent on their parents.

The students branch outward, stretching into the broader community. There they enlarge their horizons through jobs and community involvement.

**-Cindy Beck.**





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**Karen Pfister**, Kelly Martin, and Marcy Dwinell proudly display the Drill Squad's newest addition, rainbow flags.

**National Merit scholar** Sarah McNair enjoys community involvement through her role as a 14-year-old French girl at the Old Fort.



Enjoying a **high-spirited** lunch together, the Senior Puffers and their coaches psyche up for the powder puff game that night.

An **adept storyteller**, Dr. Herbert Stuelpe discards the role of vice-principal to lecture to Mr. Artherhults' sixth-period English class.





Pangs of embarrassment hit Pete Roth as Jeff, "The Singing Messenger," serenades him at lunch on his sixteenth birthday.

In the fall play, Rita Kaiser portrayed a mother who well understood the pains of growing up.



-Randy Cleven



-Michael Day



-Theresa Bailey

Junior high students go through many adjustments. Somehow, though, they always manage to get past the hassles and on to the fun.







-Randy Cleven

**It's a fact of life. To Live, thrive, and survive, one has to learn to deal with the accompanying . . .**

# PAINS

Just as there is a cloud in front of every silver lining, there is some pain involved in growing. The growth of urban areas means that Ma Nature is forced to sacrifice some of her beautiful countryside for housing additions and miles of asphalt. An increase in school enrollments results in greater student-teacher estrangement. Growing up involves the embarrassment of being at the awkward age of adolescence for what seems to be an eternity. Even the joy that escorts increased in-

dependence is paired with the heartaches of breaking away. This hurt is not restricted to teens only. While they are proud to see their children mature, parents find that they miss the feeling of being needed. From all the aches and pains, however, there emerges the feeling of gaining ground. The hurt subsides in the realization of goals achieved.

**-Cindy Becko**



# STUDENT LIFE



**The Leo Volunteer Pep Band** jazzes up halftime of the first game of the ACAC girls' tourney with a school favorite, "Soul Man." A new group this year, the set the beat for many of the Lady Lions' victories.

**Senior Ron Bienz** prepares to add his share in the November 20th blood drive. In all, 139 pints were collected in the project sponsored by the Student Council.



It is after school that

**A**lthough fun things sometimes happen in class, it is the hours pupils spend out of school that help them grow socially. Time spent sitting in desks is rather repetitive, as semester after semester, students go to the same classrooms.

Even though the after-school activities break up the routine, they aren't without their ups and downs. Underclassmen who can't drive are limited to the happenings to which their parents can chauffeur them. Free-wheeling upperclassmen soon find that the price of gas puts a squeeze on their wallets.

Growing socially also poses another problem—that of learning how to cope with the opposite sex. Just ask the guy who has finally gotten up the courage to dial that special number what a busy signal does to one's confidence. Or, consider the girl who has perfectly curled her hair, only to discover the humidity is in the drippy range. Anyone in a similar situation will testify that moments of despair accompany social growth.

All is not lost. Carpools solve the transportation problems, and the date goes smoothly, wilted curls and all. By Monday morning, it's easy to laugh at the mess-ups and smile at the memories of good times.

-Cindy Beck

**A euchre craze** has mushroomed overnight and people can be seen playing almost anywhere. Several tournaments were held, with most of the action centering in the cafeteria at project period. Tom Bender, Scott Wyman, And Don Bender were no exception, as they get into the excitement of the playoffs.

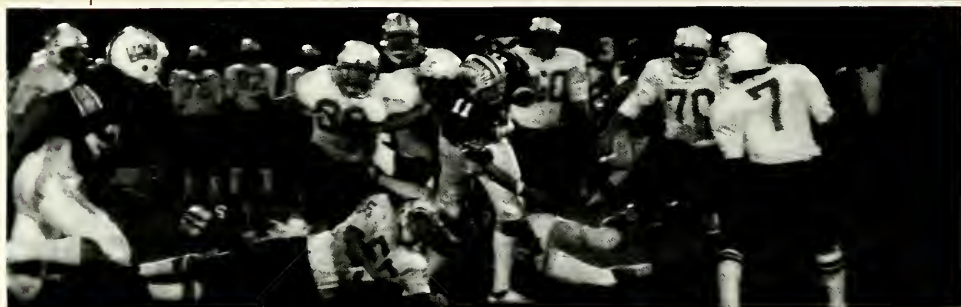


**pupils grow socially.**



**As excitement builds,** mascots Craig Martin and Doug Dilley take their "heads off to the Lions" and catch a breath of fresh air.

**Senior powder puff cheerleaders** Andy Overmyer, Dan Schardt, Ron Bienz, and Jeff Clark display what it takes to arouse the fans' spirit.



**On a quarterback keep,** Matt "Augie" Augustyniak charges the Patriot line and rushes for yardage.

**While waiting for the dance to begin,** a group of students in the East Lobby occupy time by pouring over their newly-received yearbooks.







## SPIRIT BRINGS "PAST" ALIVE

The first full week of October brought Homecoming Week to Leo High School. Student Council, the main organizer of Homecoming and its festivities, selected "Remembering Our Past" as this year's theme. Students participated enthusiastically in the various dress days throughout the week, which helped build the students' spirit.

During project period and lunch on Tuesday, the cafeteria was filled with Junior and Senior female voices predicting victory for their respective Powder Puff football teams. The Juniors' cheers of "The Seniors will bite the dust!" were answered by the Seniors', "When chickens have lips-which will be never!" By 8:00 that evening, a crowd had gathered in the football bleachers in anticipation of the second-ever Powder Puff football game. The expected "flag football" game turned into "tackle football" by the end of the game. This only encouraged both teams to fight harder. However, the Seniors defeated the Juniors, 27-8, proving that "chickens will never have lips!"

With the tension of the game straining his face, Coach Kerbel advises "Augie" on which play to run to gain a first down.

Pursued by junior Denneen DeWitt, senior Tonya Barns runs the ball down the field during the Powder Puff football game.



Randy Cleven

Throughout the week, several girls, known as secret admirers, sneaked through the halls decorating the senior football players' lockers. The girls brought candy, homemade cookies, and notes to psyche up the team for a Homecoming victory.

Friday, with its short assembly bell schedule, finally arrived and school spirit was quite evident during the pep session at the end of the day. The senior football players participated in "The Price is Right," in which they had to guess who their secret admirers were. To help them out a little, each admirer recited her football player's most embarrassing moment. This drew many laughs from the students and many red faces from the squad.

Tension was high on Friday night, October 10 as the Lions and the Heritage Patriots battled on the football field. Both teams knew that to ease up in the least would bring severe consequences and so they gave their all. After playing four suspense-filled quarters, however, Leo squeezed by

Heritage, 21-19.

After the game, everyone was eager to receive his yearbook at the Homecoming dance. Well, the **ORACLES** came, but the dance didn't. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the WMEE disc jockeys, who were to do the dance failed to show up, disappointing the hundreds who were packed in the East Lobby expecting a dance. While waiting anxiously for the DJ's, the yearbook staff handed out the **1980 ORACLES** to the students and alumni, who occupied themselves conversing with friends and signing yearbooks. Shortly before 11:00, the dance was officially called off.

Gradually, the halls and East Lobby emptied and the cafeteria was put back into order. It was a disappointing end to an exciting week. However, the spirit in the air that week had been a winning one, and the victory over the Heritage Patriots made Homecoming Week a success.

-Jeanne Glenn



**Homecoming Queen** and King, Lori Garman and Tim Smead, were selected by the student body Lori, by votes; and Tim, by capturing the most footballs from the girls.

After a two-hour wait for the dance that wasn't, freshmen Mark Lowden and Stacy Seiler take a break near the yearbook table.



-Randy Clevon

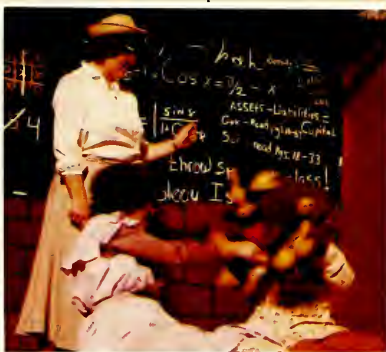
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**All-State Lineman** Kent Roth leads the football team through the only tunnel allowed this year on our field.

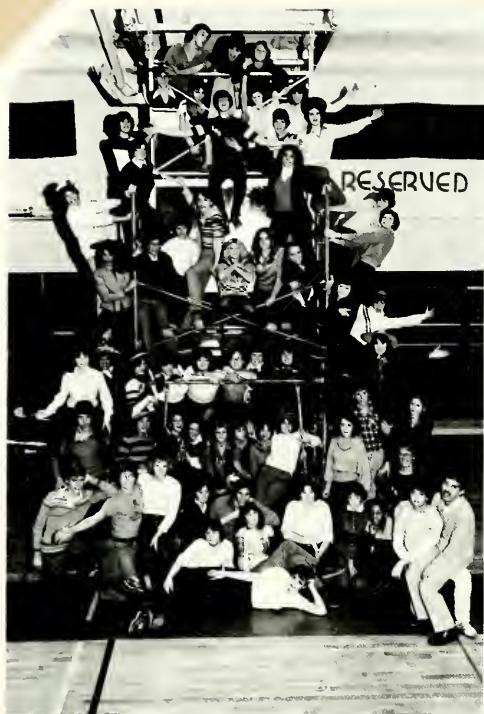
**On the first-place** senior float, Cindy Beck and Tammy Roberts (hidden) ) argue over a question asked by "teacher" Lisa Van Allen.



**Homecoming Court:** (seated) Queen Lori Garman, escorted by Boyd Liechty; sophomore Tricia Tappy, escorted by Jim Collins; senior Kelly Miller, escorted by Rod Liechty; senior

Rita Kaiser, escorted by Pat Vendrely; junior Susan Huguenard, escorted by Rod Sinn; freshman Tricia Liechty, escorted by Tom Herendeen.

**Joyce Collins**, last year's Homecoming Queen, turns her crown over to Senior Lori Garman.



**DRAMA CLUB.** (front row): Marty Heller, Tom Overmyer, Tracey Miller, Paula Ladd, Janna Schlatter, Megan Iemma, Eugene Liechty, Darlene Delagrange, Theresa Minnick, Susie Haines, Al Stovall, Susie Robbins, Mr. Stover. (second row): Pat Vendrely, Dennee DeWitt, Ann Shaw, Valerie Hill, Yvonne Fouts, Nora Cook, Cindy Bender, Susan Smith, Ellen Piering, Tony Hechler, Trace Roth. (third row): Elaine Arnett, Kim Roth, Susan Huguenard, Nancy Glass, Beth Gottfried, Cindy Beck, Kim Sellars, Becky Ehlers, Sandy Scudder, Karen Herendeen. (fourth row): Andrea Stuckey, Chris Lovett, Julie Anderson, David Baumgartner, Cindy Morris, Shelly Craig, Rita Kaiser, Barb Albright, Vicky Kerlin. (fifth row): Mike Thomas, Kathy Hursh, Joitta Delagrange, Beth Liechty. (sixth row): Scott Caywood, Doug Dilley, Andy Overmyer, Jeff Clark, Marlene Delagrange, Kayle Watson, Theresa Baldwin, (back row): Matt Grieger, Craig Martin, Jane Stout.



## Bigger & Better

More experience, more members, and more activities make up the Drama Club. The members participate in plays and take field trips and undertake several money-making projects.

To gain funds for new costumes and set construction materials, they sell play tickets and pay dues.

Along with entertaining others, the members provide amusement for themselves by going bowling, attending other schools' play productions, and by throwing Halloween, Christmas, and end-of-school parties.

When asked their opinions of Drama Club, sophomore Beth Liechty exclaimed, "It is a really good experience," and Tricia Tappy remarked, "It's neat, and I'm really glad I'm in it." Besides giving members the chance to make new friends, the club offers a great opportunity for anyone to develop and practice his acting abilities if he plans to make a career of acting in the future. But perhaps Drama Club is summed up best by sophomore Susan Smith, who shrieked, "I love it!"

-Lisa Antil

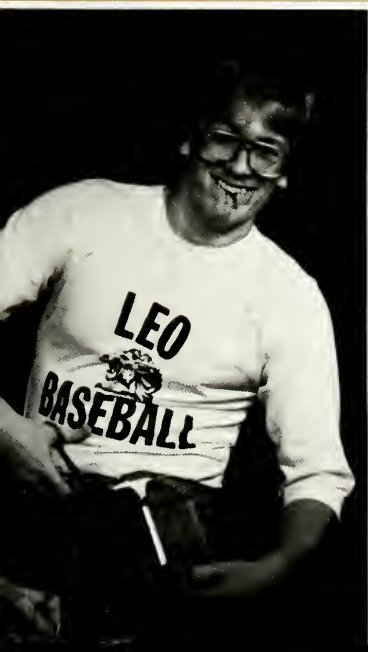






The family and close friends gather to hear Aunt Caroline (Jane Stout) tell them never to expect one penny from her. The plot thickened when Aunt Caroline died and everyone spent the rest of the play covering up for each other.

**Miss Mabbitt**, played by Darlene Delagrange, decided at the last minute to confess her sins, for she poisoned Aunt Caroline.



**Eugene Leichty**, Susan Smith, and Joitta Delagrange look on as **Craig Martin**, the not-so-clever Detective Clayton, tries to figure "all this out" Elaine Arnett (seated) has her own ideas about who the killer might be.

**Who Killed Aunt Caroline?** wasn't all murder and suspense. Off stage, crew members like **Jeff Clark** and **Trace Roth** had fun spending long hours building sets for the play.

Photos and story by  
Cindy Beck

With winter  
days  
darkening, in  
the season  
of sharing,  
entered

# The Spirit Of Christmas Present

It came as if out of Dickens' Christmas Carol. The world was saying, "Bah, humbug!" People were complaining of high prices and the hostages spending their second Christmas in captivity.

Suddenly, it appeared—the Spirit of Christmas, Leo-style. This new spirit didn't replace any of the old Christmas cheer. There were still Santas with crooked beards, Christmas cards, and kisses under the mistletoe. Christmas Leo-style simply added new joys to the old.

One such joy the ghost conjured up was that of expanding community involvement. The school held its first annual canned goods drive for the needy in the township. The students met their goal of 7,000 cans, and the 30 families responded with their heartfelt thanks. The administration

showed its appreciation with a two hour freetime, including a dance and free refreshments for those who had collected cans. The eighth graders, who brought in the most cans per person, received a free pizza party, also.

Leo's Christmas spirit compelled some students to become involved in the holiday action in another way. Several students attending Leo United Methodist Church posed in a live nativity scene, displaying their pride in church and community.

One of the nicest things

the Spirit of Christmas Leo-style produced was the feeling of having done something for others, giving rather than just receiving. That sense of generosity lasted longer than the candy canes, wrapping paper, and greeting cards from this very special Christmas.

“ The can drive was a good idea because it gave us a chance to help others. I'd like to do it again next year.”

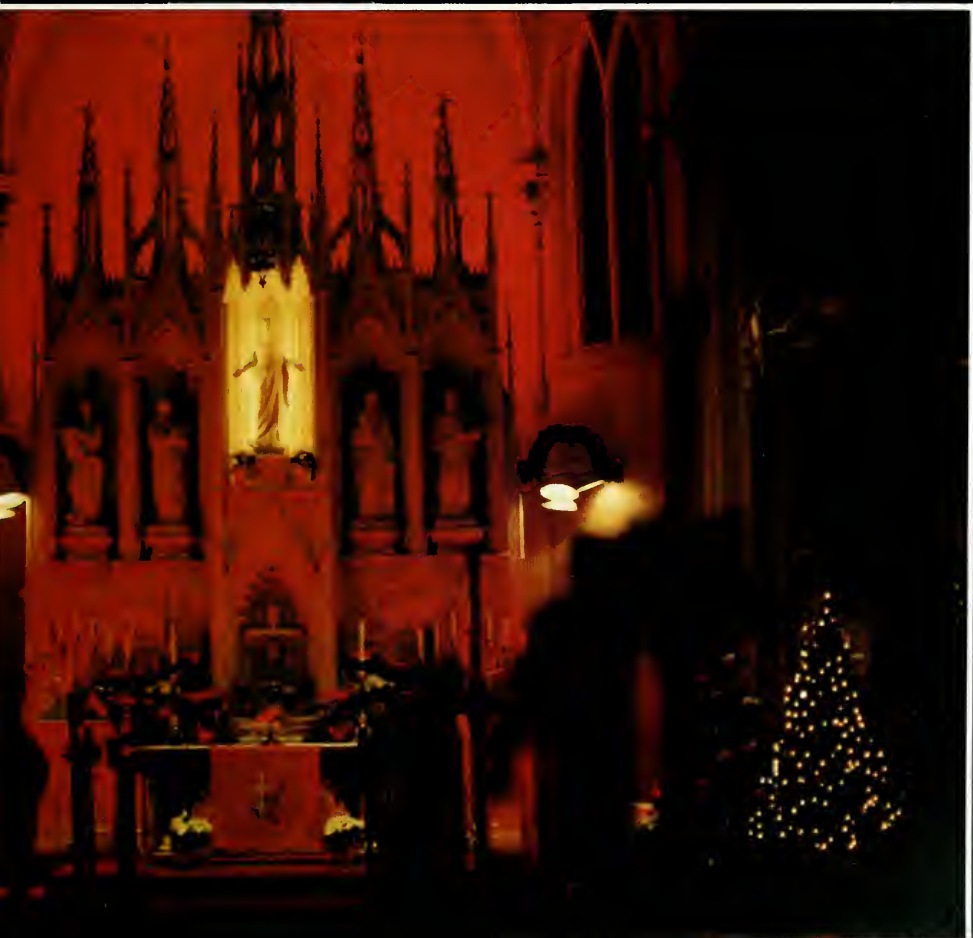
—Terri Strong



After 23 years in storage, Santa, containing over 48,000 bulbs, shines again in downtown Fort Wayne.

The beauty of Zion Lutheran Church is intensified with the decorations of Christmas.

Leo Methodist members brave the cold to give passersby a glimpse of the first nativity.





# Worth The Wait

Story by  
Jeanne Glenn

Photos by  
Cindy Beck

Saturday night, January 10, brought four WMEE disc jockeys out to Lion country to put on the long-awaited Homecoming make-up dance. Although the dance was held on an "open night" — no basketball game to draw more people — the yearbook staff, who sponsored the dance, breathed a sigh of relief as crowd began pouring in the doors at 8:00.

"Fast" Jimmy Roberts, Douglas B. Pritchett, Jennifer Carr, and "Magic" Steve Christian gave out Mountain Dew T-shirts, took song requests, and kept the tunes rolling throughout the evening. Over two hundred screaming, gyrating bodies jammed, boogied, and rocked to ACDC, Queen, and Pat Benatar. For those who came only to slow-dance, there were also mellow tunes by artists like Dan Fogelberg and the late John Lennon. The music played continuously for three hours, but for some, the dance was too short.

Because of the DJ's eagerness to please and their obvious ability to do so, the "WMEE Spectacular" proved a financial success as well as a fun-filled night.



Sporting her new pink hat, Debbie Erb mingles with the dancing crowd, while Mark Neuhauser gets down to the beat of the music.







**A group of freshmen girls** make up new steps while rocking to the beat of the Doobie Brothers.

**Jolitta Delagrang**e, Jacquelin Liggett, Tom Repine, and Mike Dwyer sit back and watch couples slow-dancing to "First Time" by Styx.



**Gary Fisher**, Mark Coppock, and Dale Gerke go "free-style" as "Rapper's Delight" is pumped through the speakers.

**Caught in a rowdy mood**, the DJ's-"Magic" Steve Christian, Jennifer Carr, "Fast" Jimmy Roberts, and Douglas B. Pritchett (in Back)-surprise the photographer by striking a wild and crazy pose.



One of the main attractions, arm wrestling, held both spectators and contestants in suspense, sometimes bringing surprising results. Junior Craig Waldrop's and senior Ron Bienz' match ended abruptly when Ron accidentally lifted his elbow from the board.



**Careful not to** blow the cottonball off his teaspoon, freshman Bob Beck skillfully shuffles down the balance beam in the cottonball relay race.

**Phil Neuhouser** and **Pat Vendrely** leap for a high jump ball thrown by Referee Steinhauser during the freshmen and senior basketball game.







# GYM A BATTLEFIELD

photos by Jeff Handlin

All-out war! Class pitted against class! Teams fighting teams! Individuals straining to win! This class tourney was certainly a blood-thirsty competition. Class spirit began growing with the choosing of class color and the ordering of tourney T-shirts. But class patriotism hit its peak on Friday night, March 13, creating a war-like atmosphere.

Walking into the gym, competitors and spectators saw a variety of vivid colors. On one side were the freshmen's green and the sophomores' red. The juniors' blue and the seniors' purple covered the opposite wall. During basketball and volleyball games, the gym floor was dotted with strange combinations of purple and red or green and blue bodies.

As the tourney progressed, the teams remained in fierce combat while competing in the obstacle course, arm wrestling, and tug-of-war. During the

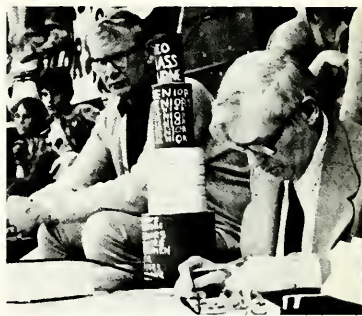
junior-senior tug-of-war, the unexpected happened. The rope snapped, sending both teams backward in falling domino fashion! However, a new, thicker rope was brought, and the mighty Class of '81 went on to win the tug-championship for their third year in a row.

Other excitement occurred in arm wrestling while senior Amy Yoder and freshman Nora Cook strained against each other for over ten minutes! The end result was a victory for Amy when Nora lifted her elbow from the board.

Ping-pong, ice-cream eating, the egg toss, and the cottonball race added variety and lighter entertainment to the tourney.

The conclusion of class tourney brought with it a victory for the seniors. This was the first time in eight years that seniors had captured the title of Class Tourney Champs!

-Jeanne Glenn ◊



**The official timekeeper, Mr. Heller, and scorekeeper, Mr. Walton, await the tourney's final result.**

**Lori Yoder attempts to win some points for the sophomores as she quickly consumes her dish of vanilla ice cream.**



# Underground Activities

Homecoming, a Christmas skit, and a Sadie Hawkins Dance were just a few of the activities planned by the **Sr. High Student Council**. The group met every Tuesday during Project Period to discuss school events and activities. Members kept busy during the year by planning several dances, two blood drives, a carnation sale on Valentine's Day, and Class Tourney.

When asked what she thought the group's strong points were, President Cindy Beck replied, "We had a good adviser, Mr. Gabet, who listened to our ideas and let us do new things."

The Class Tourney dance, sponsored by the Student Council, featured the band "Unique Lighting and Sound". Although the Council had lost money on their previous dances, the combination of the tourney and the dance, which lasted from 5:30 until midnight, brought the Student Council over two hundred dollars.

-Pam Working C

**These seniors** (opposite page), rowdy after winning Class Tourney, dress up for the dance. Posing as the Village People are Randy Clevon, Chris Wittwer, David Hosier, Andy Overmyer, and (in back) Matt Grieger.

**Junior Craig Waldrop** prepares to psych out his opponent by spiking the ping-pong ball.

**In the second** round of tug-of-war, the seniors pull a victory over the sophomores.



**STUDENT COUNCIL.** (front row): Mr. Steve Gabet, Becky Ehlers, Carri Weillbaker, Sec.; Matt Grieger, vice pres.; Cindy Beck, pres.; Rita Kaiser, Joitta Delagrange, Trace Roth, Kayle Watson, Matt Augustyniak, Rhonda Slentz, Kara Butler. (second row): Tim Stoller, Jeff Clark, Kim

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vid Baumgartner, Sharon Shepard, Vickie Kerlin. (fourth row): Mark Smith, Tom Herendeen, Sherry Wasson, Barbie Albright, Andrea Stuckey, Julie Anderson, Sheryl Feathers, Nora Cook, Angie Kurtz, Maureen Doyle, Susan Huguenard, Kim Burkett. (back row): Frank Al-

bright, Doug Dilley, David Myers, Chad Watson, Lauri Swartz, Lori Yoder, Susie Robbins, Susie Haines, Jim Collins, Louisa Galuoppo, Patti Chapman, Karen Herendeen. Not pictured: David Hosier, treas., Lori Garman, Tammy Keim, Dawn Miller, Tim Doyle, Marty Heller.

Tegry Cooper



**Junior Class Officers:** Erin Doyle, sec.; Eugene Liechty, treas.; Susan Huguenard, pres.; Karen Herenden, vice pres.

**Sophomore Class Officers:** Susie Robbins, treas.; Lori Yoder, pres.; Lauri Swartz, sec. Not pictured: Tom Wehner, vice pres.

**Freshmen Class Officers:** Mark Smith, vice pres.; Darin Roth, pres.; Carol Meinerding, treas.; Tricia Liechty, sec.

-Cindy Beck





The "thrones" stand empty, waiting for their occupants to be revealed and crowned.

The royal couple, Pat Vendrely and Joyce Beerbower, dance to the prom song, "Sailing."







Eugene Liechty (center) has the honor of crowning a pleasantly surprised queen, Joyce Beerbower, while Pat Vendrely smiles about his newly acquired status as king.

Prom-goers fast-dance to Lakeside's "Fantastic Voyage," one of the most requested "jams" at Leo dances.

## Evening In Paradise

May 2: It seemed so far away, but before you knew it, the time had come for buying formals, ordering tuxes, and finding dates for one of the most anticipated events of the year: Prom.

On Saturday afternoon, the junior prom committee began decorating the rented dining room at the Ramada Inn. Fish nets were draped from the ceiling to create an atmosphere for the theme, "Sail Away to Paradise."

When 8:00 that evening arrived, the Ramada Inn began to fill up with hundreds of normally blue-jean clad teen-agers. Now they dressed as though attending a formal black tie dinner. Those who arrived after 8:00 were greeted with curious glances and stares. Who came with whom? Oh, look at her dress! . . . I bet she bought it in Florida over spring break! Hmm, doesn't he look nice in a tux! I wish they would hurry with the buffet - I'm starved!

Shortly before the buffet was served, an unexpected visitor made a spectacular entrance. Jeff, the Singing Messenger, whisked in, blowing his whistle announcing his presence. Tony Hechler, the unsuspecting victim, whose birthday was the next day, commented later, "When I heard that whistle, I knew it was him, and I

**PROM COURT: MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED:** Trace Roth, Sarah McNair; **MOST SOPHISTICATED:** Boyd Leichty, Ginger Morgan; **MOST ATHLETIC:** Matt Augustyniak, Tonya Burns; **KING:** Pat Vendrely; **QUEEN:** Joyce Beerbower; **BEST DRESSED:** Robby Hartnett, Carri Wellbaker; **WITTIEST:** David Hosier, Jane Stout; **ROWDIEST:** Andy Overmyer, Rita Kaiser; **MOST INVOLVED:** Matt Grieger, Cindy Beck.

After having their pictures taken, the court attendants move onto the dance floor for the first dance.



# Paradise

thought, "Oh, no, it's for me!" Jeff wished Tony a "Happy Coming-of-Age, Welcome-to-Manhood, 18th Birthday!" Needless to say, Tony turned quite red!

Around 9:00, the buffet was served. Couples, chaperones, and "stag" prom-goers helped themselves to salad, main dishes, and dessert. A constant, low din was present — voices rose and fell, silverware chinked against plates, and soft jazz music filtered through the speakers of Unique Lighting and Sound who were

the evening's musical entertainment.

As everyone was finishing their meal, Susan Huguénard and Eugene Liechty announced the court. After the king and

queen were crowned, the court slow-danced to Christopher Cross's, "Sailing."

UL & S began to wind down around midnight. The room slowly emptied as late-nighters headed toward after-proms or home.

-Jeanne Glenn o



A thoroughly embarrassed Tony Hechler is wished "Happy Birthday" by well-known and popular Jeff, the Singing Messenger.



Corsages, boutonnieres, and bouquets all add a romantic touch to prom.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Novak, chaperones at the prom, enjoy the relish dish and salad bar at the buffet table.







Everyone's attention focuses on Jeff, the Singing Messenger, whose crazy antics and clever lyrics are always entertaining.

Susan Huguenard, president of the junior class, announces the court attendants and the king and queen.



Before the buffet is served, prom-goers sit and visit with those across the table or pose to have their pictures taken.



Story by  
Cindy Beck

Photos by  
David Dilley

For one night  
pegboards,  
clotheslines and  
lunch tables were  
transformed into  
the . . .

## EAST LOBBY GALLERY

The artwork was hung. The orchestra tuned up. Robed singers waited in the wings. A collection of artistic talent, amassed under one roof, anticipated the arrival of the public.

The doors finally opened, but not to a city's civic center. The doors belonged to Leo High, and their opening marked the start of the Fine Arts Festival.

The festival was unique since it was the first in

which all bands, choirs, art classes, and the drama club participated. The evening began with the showing of student art in the East Lobby. Following were performances by the Jr. Hi. Choir and Band

“ Getting Best of Show for my abstract was a great honor since I knew it had competed with lots of good pieces.

-Jenny Miller”

and the Girls' Glee. A clipping from the musical preceded intermission, during which admirers could talk with student artists or enjoy punch and cookies. The program resumed with the Sr. Hi. Choirs and Band. A farewell was given to Ray Blombach, band director. The houselights went up, and an appreciative crowd departed, praising the talent they had seen.

Student teacher Steve Nahrwold, known to choir students as "Mr. Steve," directs the Girls' Glee for the last time. He had finished his tenure at Leo, but returned for the festival.





A pair of onlookers admire senior Randy Cleven's photography exhibit, which won several awards, including first in photography. Four of his prints were purchased by the Leo PTA for the elementary school.



Todd Conn, Most Improved Art Student, sorts artwork to be put on display. Todd's scratchboard was shown in the St. Francis show and received a second place ribbon in the Fine Arts Festival.



Several sharecroppers tell Buzz Collins and the sheriff, played by Rod Cole and Dave Wells, just what they can do with their taxes. Forty members of the drama club acted in the twenty-minute cutting.



## FINIAN'S RAINBOW

Most people do not realize exactly how much work is put in to a musical production.

First, the nerve-wracking song and dance try-outs are held.

Then, the sets are built and painted. Doing this well is important for the sets to be both attractive and effective.

Rehearsals and more rehearsals are the key to a successful and enjoyable play. This requires many after-school hours and a lot of personal sacrifice to meet this rigid schedule.

And what would a musical be without music? The orchestra has to know cue lines to begin songs and remember to play quietly.

These areas together comprise the musical production.

-Jeanne Glenn •

**The orchestra put** in many hours of practice and performance. Here, Jeannie Glenn plays the orchestrator, an instrument which can be made to sound like strings or brass in an orchestra.

**During rehearsal,** Kurt Miller, who portrays Og, holds an imaginary apple while practicing his lines and leprachaun brogue.

**"If This Isn't Lovel"** It's no longer a secret that Sharon (Marlene Delagrange) and Woody (Tim Doyle) love each other. Sharon's father Finian, played by Andy Overmyer, joins in the singing and celebration of Sharon's and Woody's getting "be-troth-ted."







**Andy Overmyer** and **Marlene Delagrange**, father and daughter in **Finian's Rainbow**, wear street clothes or part-costume for one of the first play practices. Marlene (Sharon) wonders why she ever let her father "whisk her away from Ireland" to come to America.

**Painting sets** requires certain skill and a creative mind. **Susan Huguenard** adds her own touch to the background scenery.



**Those who are** interested in being in the play must first go to try-outs and later to call-backs. Mr. Stover directs potential actors and actresses acting out a scene.

**"Something sort of grandish"** is how Sharon and Og (Kurt Miller) describe how love feels.

**"Look to the rainbow and follow your dreams",** sings Sharon to her new-found neighbors and friends in Rainbow Valley, Missintucky.

**After Og alters** his personality, Senator Rawkins (Matt Augustyniak) declares he won't be turned white again until some justice has been shown to the black people in Rainbow Valley.



**Og begs Finian** for Finian's daughter, Sharon. Og claims that Sharon is a sunbeam and has "set him on fire." Finian is rather aghast at this news since Sharon is betrothed to Woody.



**Eugene Liechty played** a representative of Shears and Robust who tries to convince Finian to bury his gold at Fort Knox. Sharon, acting as Finian's "pretend" secretary, supports her father's decision to leave the gold buried in Rainbow Valley.





## PRACTICE, PERFORM, PARTY!

FINIAN'S RAINBOW brought more than 140 people at Leo together to fulfill one purpose: to put on a musical production. To do this required a full-hearted effort and a great deal of time on everyone's part.

Beginning the third week of February, the cast and chorus blocked scenes and memorized the songs. The orchestra also began practicing together.

The cast, lighting crew, and orchestra, got their first taste of show business at the Fine Arts Festival three days before opening night. In a twenty-minute period, they performed three songs and bits of dialogue from the play.

FINIAN was performed May 12, 13, 15, and 16. Each performance received a standing ovation and several good comments.

-Jeanne Glenn o

Woody and Sharon, under Finian's encouragement and subtle match-making, get married. However, the ceremony ends abruptly when a sheriff and his deputies interrupt and try to arrest Sharon for being a witch.

"It was bigger than bingo!" Joitta Dela-grange, David Baumgartner, Marty Heller, Susie Robbins, Matt Augustyniak, Darlene Dela-grange, Tim Smead and Al Stovall are the traveling gospellers. Taking their theme from Genesis, the group dance to and sing, **The Begat**.



# FEATURE

This bird's eye view of a busy construction worker presented itself to the second period photo class, where it was captured with the aid of a telephoto lens.

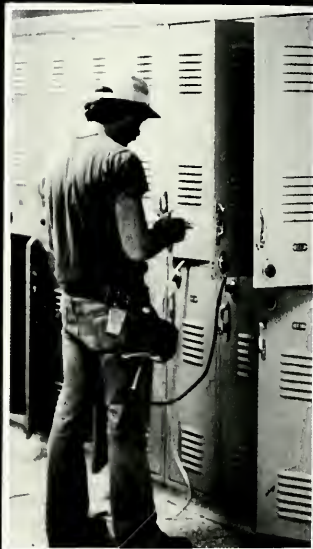


-Terry Cooper

After removing the asphalt in the east parking lot, crews begin to lay foundations for the additions to the building.

To alleviate the locker-sharing hassle somewhat, lockers shown here were moved from Hall 11 to Hall 13.

-Tami Jones



Combine noise,  
dust, and over  
seven hundred  
students, and the  
result is . . .

Story by: Cindy Beck

## EXCEDRIN HEADACHE #981

It had started with a little digging with a few bulldozers, which could easily be tolerated. In time, however, the construction had expanded to jackhammers, cranes, dust, and noise. We sensed a headache of grand proportions coming on.

We were right.

At first, much of the work done to expand the

“It's a pain, but from all the mess, Leo will gain some of the finest facilities in the area.”

-Gary Novak

school actually looked more like destruction than construction. Ceiling tiles were torn out, instructions were spray-painted in the walls, and the East Lobby parking

lot area was excavated. Several new features were added to the school grounds to compensate for the ones that were lost. The stone parking lot was paved, and eight trailers were brought in to replace those classrooms being torn down. Even with the new facilities, there was still a shortage of parking and storage space. (cont'd on p. 34)



-Scott Hattery

Previously the site of blackboards and classrooms, Hall 10 was the first to fall under the blows of jackhammers.

A bulldozer demolishes the oldest part of the elementary school to make way for its new addition

-Jeff Handlin



# HEADACHE

The construction to expand the school meant many sacrifices to many people. To the seniors, it meant the loss of one of their privileges—the senior parking lot. To some of the teachers, it involved giving up old, familiar rooms and packing everything up to move to a trailer. To all the students, the construction meant crowded halls as lockers were torn out of one hall and put into the free wall space of another.

The people who were perhaps most bothered by the effects of the con-

struction were those working in the office. They felt the brunt of the jackhammers, since only a wall separated them from the rat-a-tatting.

“As a senior, it's tough to put up with the mess and not enjoy the results.”

—Maria Yoder

Dust was also particularly thick near the office area.

There were definite problems related to the construction, but we survived and even helped.

The cooperation of the students and faculty was one of the major contributors to the success of the first phase of the expansion. Gary Novak, principal, stated, “The cooperation of the students has been just remarkable. The construction is not only right on schedule, but slightly ahead. We expect to have the South Wing completed by fall, barring any unforeseen problems that may come up.”

So, for the time being, we will all take two aspirin and wait.



—Kris Steury

Mr. Novak listens attentively as a health and safety inspector explains necessary safety features for the new trailers.

Construction brought about the removal of ceiling tiles, giving halls a mine-like appearance.

—Michael Day







Mrs. Carol Gross models equipment needed to deal with dust, noise, and debris, which were excessive near the office.

-Photos by Jeff Handlin

**LEO JUNIOR/SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL**

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-Photo by Kris Steury

Excavating was typical Phase I construction work. Here, ground is prepared for cement work.

# Graduates Fill Present Gym For Last Time

Around 6:45 on the evening of Friday, May 22, seniors and their families and guests began arriving at the school. Because of the construction work, almost 200 parking places had been taken from the parking lot. Therefore, each senior was allowed only three parking tickets to distribute among those he invited. However, this small stipulation did not discourage attendance. The small class of 104 students drew a crowd large enough to fill the entire gymnasium.

The invocation was given by Jeff Clark. Then Cindy Beck presented her salutatory address. The senior choir sang **Never Let Go of Your Dreams** and Scott Wyman gave his salutatory speech. Senior band members performed their final number, **El Cid**, with the band. Valedictorian Linda Crabill spoke and Mr. Novak announced individual seniors who had received honors and scholarships. Although the torch was found this year, it refused to light. So Matt Grieger passed an unlit torch to next year's senior president, Al Stovall. Matt also presented the class gift, a banner designed and made by Mrs. Bill Kerbel. Finally, the diplomas were given, the tassels were turned, and the benediction was said by Trace Roth. The 1981 graduates proceeded out of the gym and into the future to find new dreams and achieve new goals.

-Jeanne Glenn o

**Co-Salutatorians** Cindy Beck and Scott Wyman and Valedictorian Linda Crabill give each other words of advice and encouragement before delivering their speeches.

**Trace Roth**  
photographs Joitta  
Delagrange, Rita  
Kaiser, and Jane  
Stout as they flash  
"graduation-  
anticipation"  
smiles.







**"Never Let Go of Your Dreams."** The 46-member senior choir joins together to sing a message to fellow graduates.

**Graduation is a blessed moment** for both families and graduates. The Dilley family glows proudly while reading David's diploma.



**After the ceremony,** the warm, humid weather did not damper the graduates' enthusiasm or families' and friends' excitement.



**While putting on caps and gowns,** Jeff Clark, Matt Grieger, Chris Wittwer, Ricky Mowan, and Andy Overmyer relieve pre-graduation anxieties by joking around.



**Marla Yoder, Jon Yoder, Pat Vendrely, and Jane Zorger** parade exuberantly out of the gym bearing their diplomas.

**Brenda Burlingame and Tonya Burns** are torn between feeling happy or sad that high school is really over.



**Turning the tassel** is the high point of the ceremony, signifying the promotion from high school senior to graduate.



**Bruce Roth** gladly accepts a warm handshake from Mr. Novak and his diploma from Mr. Robert Beerbower.



## A Time To Cry, And To Laugh

Many different thoughts occupy the seniors' minds around graduation. Looking back, some feel that the time has passed quickly. Can it really be time to graduate?

Because of our school's small size, many close friendships were formed with fellow students, as well as with teachers, coaches, and other staff members. With most, we will lose contact. But with a few, we will develop deeper friendships.

High school has been filled with a variety of opportunities and growing experiences. But now it is time to move ahead with life and to go after bigger and better things.

Yes, it has gone fast, but a lot has been accomplished — goals have been met, dreams fulfilled. Now it is time to wrap up the past, set new goals, and start planning for the future.

But whichever road we choose to follow, the challenge for each one of us will be to use all the experience and knowledge we gained during our thirteen-year school career.

—Jeanne Glenn ◊



### SR. HIGH HONOR SOCIETY.

(front row): Cindy Beck, Sarah McNair, Linda Crabill, Trace Roth, pres.; Rita Kaiser, vice pres.; Amy Yoder, sec.; Al Stovall, treas.; Jeannie Glenn, Joyce Beerbower, Matt Grieger. (second row): Theresa Kurtz, Jeff Clark, Becky Ehlers, Kim Sellars,

Jeff Wright, Duane Guingrich, Matt Meinerting, Pat Vendrely, Patty Souder, Theresa Minnick, Kim Roth. (third row): Jody Hatfield, Kathy Hursh, Denneen DeWitt, Erin Dyle, Eugene Liechty, William Schwartz, David Baumgartner, Susan Huguenard, Karen Herendeen, Kim Burkett.

(fourth row): Andrea Stuckey, Lori Yoder, Susie Robbins, Sheryl Feathers, Louisa Galuppo, Marcy Duinell, Carla Schwartz, Michelle Gooey, Ellen Piering, Susie Hobson. (fifth row): Jay Alwine, Doug Dille, Marty Heller, Ed Yoder, Lori Swartz, Susie Haines, Lisa Had-

ley, Mark Neuhouser, Cheryl Dahikamp, Paula Ladd. (sixth row): Ray Pulver, Marlene Delagrang, Tony Hechler, Darlene Delagrang, Karen Cavanaugh, Elizabeth Carpenter, Bobby Wright, Bruce Weber, Rod Cole, Janna Schlatter.



-Todd Fuzy

-David Dilley



**Theresa Kurtz and Brenda Burlingame**, along with many of their classmates, wait patiently to receive their senior keys and memory books. The arrival of these mementos in late February served as a reminder of how quickly graduation was approaching.

**While riding the bus**, younger students were often relocated to the front while their "elders" hoarded the coveted back seats. Seventh-grader David Alexander peeps toward the rear as he tries to discover just what the big attraction is.



# PEOPLE



## Braces, freckles, and the plague of highwater jeans

**T**he faces in the people section change year by year. Braces, freckles, and baby teeth disappear as the wearers of the smiling visages grow older. The improvements that happen as each person discovers what is right for him are sometimes offset by some uncontrollable developments. Growth spurts bring on plagues of "high water" jeans and shoes that seem to shrink overnight. Making ends meet (in the zipper sense) becomes more and more difficult.

Another type of growth accompanies the physical changes. It is a physiological gain, when each person grows aware of his or her identity as a member of the male or female gender. This growth is easily observed as the boy next door carefully cultivates a miniscule mustache, watering it with gallons of Brut. Or when the neighborhood tomboy does a flip-flop and discovers curling irons, Leggs, and Max Factor.

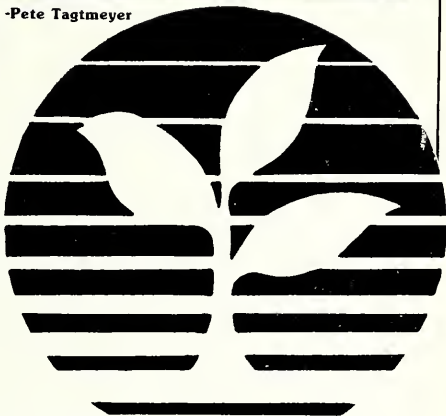
Although some of these changes and discoveries are difficult to become accustomed to, they add the "spice of life" — variety — to days that tend to be largely monotonous. Eventually the metamorphosis is completed, and new, unique personalities emerge. It took a little time and pain, but no one can say that the results aren't worth it.

-Cindy Beck ○

**Mark Lowden and Stacey Seiler (hidden)** find that lockers not only hold possessions, but people as well. The locker proved to be a convenient place in which the couple could have an intimate discussion at project period.



-Pete Tagtmeyer



The school nurse, Mrs. Jean Wells tackles some of her paperwork in the clinic before she ventures over to the elementary school.

While Cary Fries watches on, Mrs. Phyllis Doyle listens to a tape for the next class on the tape recorder.



**Mr. Gary Novak**  
Principal



**Dr. Herb Stuelpe**  
Ass't. Principal



**Mr. Richard Butt**  
Counselor



**Mrs. Carol Gross**  
Counselor



**Mr. Hal Platt**  
Administrative Ass't.

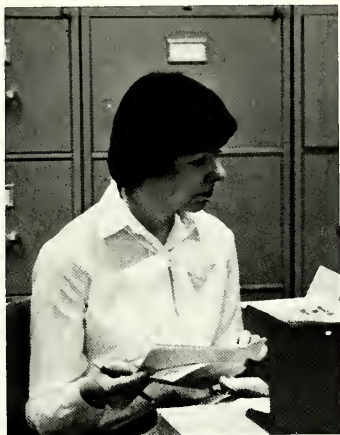


The classes at Leo would be really boring without the support of AV. AV helps teachers teach better with films, tapes, film strips and other audio visual equipment.

In AV there are a lot of talented students that spend an unlimited amount of time helping teachers. The students do everything from providing equipment and repairing it, to laminating.

Mrs. Rosemary Grose is the head of the AV department. She locates AV materials, and she is always aware of other teachers' needs. She selects and orders all of the equipment, and helps keep the budget. Mrs. Doyle is another who helps in AV, and actually spends the most time with the students. She also designs posters, does lettering, laminating, and film scheduling.

Mr. Artherhults is the teacher that sets things up for public address events and sports events. During our school's construction period he had to move all the wires from the press box, so they could tear down the press box.



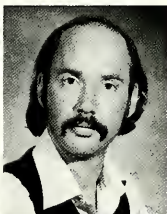
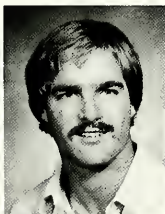
Filing items for the A.V. department, Mrs. Rosemary Grose goes over the papers.

## Media Support System

He stays late at night, and tapes TV programs and other films.

The AV people put in a lot of work for what they do. And they deserve appreciation.

-Dave Carnahan o



**Mr. Randall Artherhults.** Eng. 7th, Liv. Eng., Mass Media, Read, TV Prod.; A.V. Proj., Speech. Int: Filmmaking, French Foreign Legion, short story writing. **Miss "Wimp" Baumgartner.** Health 9th, Jr. H. P.E.; Girl's Var. Volleyball, Jr. H. Basketball. Int: Fishing, knitting, playing frisbee with Molly. **Mr. Mike Bearman.** Art 1 & 2, Art 7th & 8th, Woods 1 & 2, Woods 8th; Basketball 7th, Football 8th, Girls Track, Rocket Club. Int: "Working in my shop at home." **Mr. Ray Blombach.** Jr. & Sr. H. Band.

**Mr. Manfred Bonn.** Eng. 8th, German 1, 2, 3, 4, Tourist Lang.; German Club. Int: jogging, and running races. **Mr. Lyle Butler.** Am. His., His., Geog. Int: fishing, golf, swimming. **Miss Elise Carr.** Spanish Spanish.

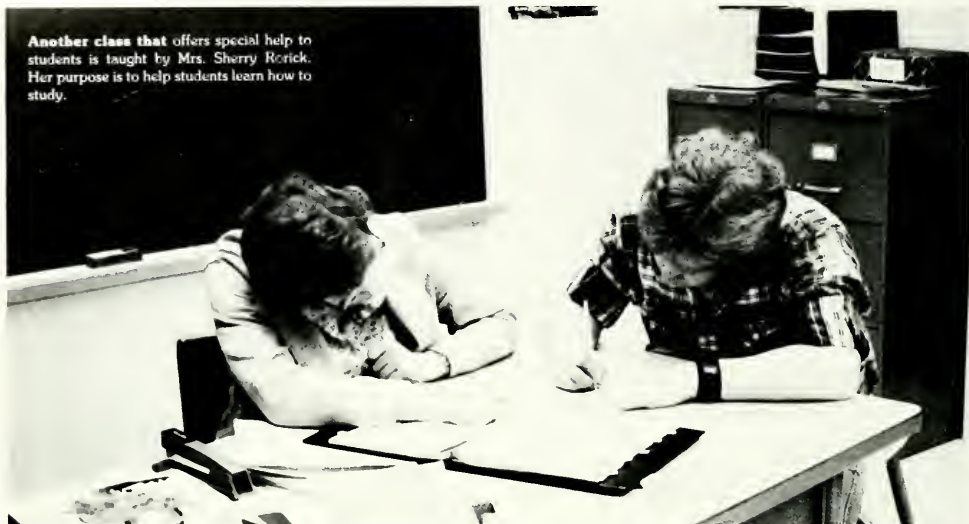
1, 2, 3, 4, Tourist Lang.; Spanish Club. Int: guitar playing, singing. **Mr. Ron Crosby.** Alg. 1 & 2, Gen. Math, SAIL; Basketball 8th, Football 7th. Int: computers, playing guitar.

**Mr. Ronald Dibelbiss.** Adv. Bio., Bio.: Jr. H. Boys Track, Zoology Club. Int: fishing, gardening, hiking, sailing. **Mr. Jack Flick.** Concert Choir, Gen. Music, Girls Glee, Jr. Hi. Choir. Swing Choir. Int: directing music at Civic Theater, golf, reading. **Mr. Stephen Gabet.** Gov't, SAIL, Soc.; Student Council, Var. Football. Int: football, jogging, politics, reading. **Mrs. Patricia Gillett.** Eng. 8th, 9th, Speech. Int: baby-sitting grandchildren, flying, bridge, traveling.



# Individualized Teaching Added

Another class that offers special help to students is taught by Mrs. Sherry Rorick. Her purpose is to help students learn how to study.



**Mrs. Rosemary Grose, A.V.,** Library; Media Club. Int: gardening, hiking, reading, sewing. **Mrs. Ruth Hamilton.** Math 8th. Int: cooking, gardening, needlework, sewing. **Mr. Richard Hartung.** Physics, Science 8th. Honor Society. Int: fishing, reading, singing. **Mr. Waldemar Heller.** Automechanics, Basic Elec., Elec. 7th, Gen. Metals, Metals 8th, Power Mech.; Jr. & Sr. H. Sports Club. Int: Comm. projects, conversation, gardening, outdoor activities, sports.



**Mr. Mike Hey.** P.E. 7th-12th; Var. Boys' Baseball, Var. Girls' Basketball. Int: bicycling, fishing, sports. **Mrs. Mary Lou Holbrook.** Art 1, 2, 3, 4, Adv. Design, Graphic/Design, Photography; Oracle, Photo Club. Int: camping, cooking, reading, redecorating. **Mr. William Kerbel.** Alternative Classroom, World. His.; Mat Maids, Var. Football, Wrestling. Int: fishing. **Mr. Dick Kierstead.** U.S. His., World His. Int: Athletic Official.



**Mrs. Ruth Lebzelter.** Alg. 1, Geo., SAIL; Drill Squad, Jr. H. Girls Track, Volleyball, Musical Vocal Dir. Int: music, softball. **Mrs. Ann Linson.** Ofc. Prac., Shorthand Typ.; Bus. Club, Girls Track, Jr. H. Cheerleaders. Int: camping, running. **Mrs. Julie Manger.** Jr. H. Health, Jr. H. Home Ec., P.E.; Gymn., Tennis. Int: cooking, jogging, macrame, sewing, tennis. **Mrs. Lynne Marquardt.** Alg. 1, Chem.; Jr. H. Std Cncl. Int: caring for Ryan, plants, needlecraft, pianist



For many junior high and senior high school students, learning new material is a task that must be and does get accomplished within a specified amount of time. However, there are some students who have difficulty learning and retaining information given in various subjects. These subjects range from Consumer Math to U.S. Government. It may be only one subject that a student has trouble with.

There is a class offered sometimes called an "alternative classroom" — to students who have difficulty in certain subjects. Taught by Mr. Bill Kerbel, this class offers special help for students to earn required credit from academic courses. In short, they are the same courses without as much detail.

The "alternative classroom" began three years ago. At that time Mr. Kerbel offered to teach the class. "Seeing that students succeed in something they've never been able to do before is one of the joys in teaching these classes," says Mr. Kerbel. Since class size is small — between eight and twelve students — Mr. Kerbel is able to devote more attention to each individual.

The students in class do not all study the same subject. For example, in one class of ten, there are six different subjects being studied. "You have to be organized," says Mr. Kerbel, "since no one studies the same course or at the same rate."

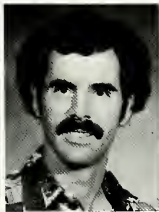


-Jeanne Glenn •

While John Lovett is reading to Journal Gazette, Mr. Kerbel points out some of the interesting issues.



**Mr. Ron Noyer.** Chem. Phy. Science.; Chess Club. **Mrs. Carolyn Platt.** Am. Lit., Eng. Lit., Explo. Teach., Lang. Arts 1 & 2; Boy's Golf, Dungeons and Dragons, Girls Golf, Sr. H. Cheerleaders. Int: antique dolls, playing golf, reading. **Mrs. Sherry Rorick.** Learning consultant. Int: needlework. **Mr. Allen Schlatter.** Math, Soc. St., Work Ex.; Apple Rap. Int: farming, picture taking, sports, traveling.



**Mrs. Shirley Schmidt.** Child Care, Cloth. 8th, 1 2, Nutr. 1, 2, Int. Des., Int: crafts, restoring antiques. **Mr. James Schneider.** Eng. 7th, 8th, Gram. & Comp., U.S. His. 1, 2; Jr. H. Boys Track, Lions' Tale. Int: Custer, the Indian Wars. **Mr. Robert Shaw.** Bkbp., Bus. Law, Econ., Gen. Bus., Rckg.; Bus. Club. Int: real estate, chess, econ., golf. **Mrs. Bernadine Smith.** Am. Lit., Crt. Writ., Devlp. Read., Gen. Ed. Eng., Engl. 7th; Y. Teens. Speech. Int: Motorcycling.



**Mr. Thomas Steinhäuser.** Alg. 3, 4, Basic Alg., Calc., Trig.; Var. Football, Var. Track. Int: sport cars, woodworking. **Mr. Jerry Stover.** Adv. Gram. & Comp., Gram. & Comp., Speech; Drama Club. Int: dancing, decorating, bridge. **Mr. Phil Stuckey.** Adv. Mech. Drft., Arch. Drft., Basic Drft., Cbntr., Crptry., Drft. 7th; FCA, Volleyball. Int: fishing. **Mr. Bob Walton.** Cons. Math, Math 7th; Football 9th, Trackettes, Var. Boys Track; Int: fishing, golf, traveling.



The old tradition that good things must come to an end, including people, still exists.

Our school is losing a very good person. Mrs. Miriam Jones retired after 25 years of service in the High School office.

Mrs. Jones has been at Leo High from 1956-1980. In 1956 she bore the dual role of secretary for both the high school and the elementary.

She took the role as secretary under four principals at Leo: Mr. Steiner, Mr. Custer, Mr. Jones, and presently Mr. Novak.

In 1978 her title changed from secretary to receptionist. She took care of the attendance, students lockers, and the public that came to Leo.

Not only is she active here at school, but also is involved a great deal in her own community.

She regularly attends the Grabill Mennonite Church. She sings in the choir and plays the organ. She has been on the Grabill Fire Depts. Lady's Auxillary for many years.

Some of the many hobbies that she enjoys are cake decorating, crocheting, and music director for a few choirs. She also sang in ensembles for the school on certain occasions.

For 25 years she sold tickets for all basketball games and all other functions that the school had.

## Twenty-Five Years Service



-Todd Delagrange •



Mrs. Laverne Amstutz, paraprofessional



Mrs. Jane Cowan, Secretary-treasurer

Mrs. Phyllis Doyle, paraprofessional

Mrs. Jean Haines, library asst.

Mrs. Virginia Hunt, paraprofessional



Mrs. Miriam Jones, secretary

Mrs. Donna Short, paraprofessional

Mrs. Jan Sylvester, secretary

Mrs. Meredith Vendrely, secretary



**BUS DRIVERS:** (back row): Mr. Larry Roth, Mr. Bob Hedges, Mr. Dale Stucky, Mrs. Maryanne Stall, Mrs. Jean Lengacher, Mrs. Mildred Clifton. (front row): Mrs. Pat Powell, Mrs. Be-

verly Zimmer, Mrs. Jackie Wisniewski, Mrs. Ruth Liechty. Not Pictured: Mr. Don Porter, Mr. Jim Zink, Mrs. Lois Heibart.



Mrs. Mable Eubank, cook  
Mrs. Delores Fisher, cashier  
Mrs. Lorene Graber, cook  
Mrs. Leah Hager, cook

Mr. Henry Jensen, custodian  
Mr. Vitus Koch, custodian  
Mrs. Helen Liechty, cook  
Mr. Denny McCreary, custodian

Mrs. Ann Miller, cook  
Mrs. Cleo Ream, cook  
Mrs. Mariam Shoudel, cook  
Mr. Tom Sowles, custodian  
Not Pictured:  
Mr. Buck Weaver, custodian



David Alexander  
Pam Alwine  
John Amstutz  
Jim Antil  
Dana Bailey  
Tim Baldwin  
Shelly Barker



Angie Baughman  
Connie Beck  
Todd Bennett  
Floyd Bienz  
Debbie Bishop  
Kraig Brown  
Tracy Busch



Kaye Callow  
Chris Carcione  
David Castator  
Paula Caswell  
Allen Chancey  
Sheri Clouse  
Amy Cook



Brad Coolman  
Cherie Crooks  
Terry Crooks  
Connie Day  
Kian Dobsen  
Lee Douglas  
Amy Dowty



Tom Dykhuizen  
Bobby Earl  
Rick Ehlers  
Lori Eubank  
Kim Fitzgerald  
Marie Fogle  
Brad Frederick



David Galbraith  
Laura Gehrig  
Janice Glenn  
Amanda Gottfried  
Tim Hadley  
Jodie Halt  
Tony Hampton



## New Housing

As winter was winding down, word came that the construction crew was ready to begin work on the building itself. The south end, housing most of the junior high classes, was to be the first area to be affected by these "growing pains."

Before the tearing up and remodeling could begin, however, there was the problem of relocation of those classes. Over 230 students, 113 of them 7th graders, had to be moved to new quarters. Eight classrooms, room 118, and 203 lockers would be affected. Eight portable double-wide trailers were brought in to house the classes, but there were no locker facilities

there. That presented a problem for the 200-plus students who still had two months of school left.

After consulting with the architects, Mr. Novak felt the lockers could be removed and placed in another part of the building. Since this would take some time to accomplish, a temporary solution had to be found. It was decided that the juniors and seniors, the two classes which had full length lockers, could share with the 7th and 8th graders.

This Big Brother/Big Sister idea didn't go over too well with the older students. However, when Mr. Novak

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Jim Harris  
Chris Hattery  
Peggy Henderson  
Mark Hershberger  
Robert Hewitt  
Patrick Hoar

Jo Hobson  
Suzanne Hohl  
Julie Hosier  
Ann Huguenard  
Lisa Jo Huntington  
Samantha Iemma

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Steve Lengacher  
Amy Lewis  
Brian Liechty  
Karen Lothamer  
Ron Mancini

Kris Martin  
Daryl McConnell  
Brad Menshy  
Wally Miazga  
Shelly Miller  
Max Moor

-Mike Day



**Connie Day** in the turtleneck sweater, celebrates her birthday with a few friends after lunch.



Kelly Neuhouser  
Kelly Nichols  
Scott Novak  
Noel Palmer  
Rachel Palmer  
Reann Panchev  
Melanie Poe



Shellie Poling  
Megan Prough  
Jane Reece  
Katie Ridderheim  
Todd Ritchey  
Ann Ritter  
Laurie Roberson



Shannon Roberts  
Matt Rogers  
Chris Ruppert  
Leea Savage  
Melissa Schimmoller  
David Sessions  
Dana Shaffer



Kerrie Sillaman  
Paula Smith  
Amy Steininger  
Kim Stuckey  
Angie Vendrely  
Teresa Vorndran  
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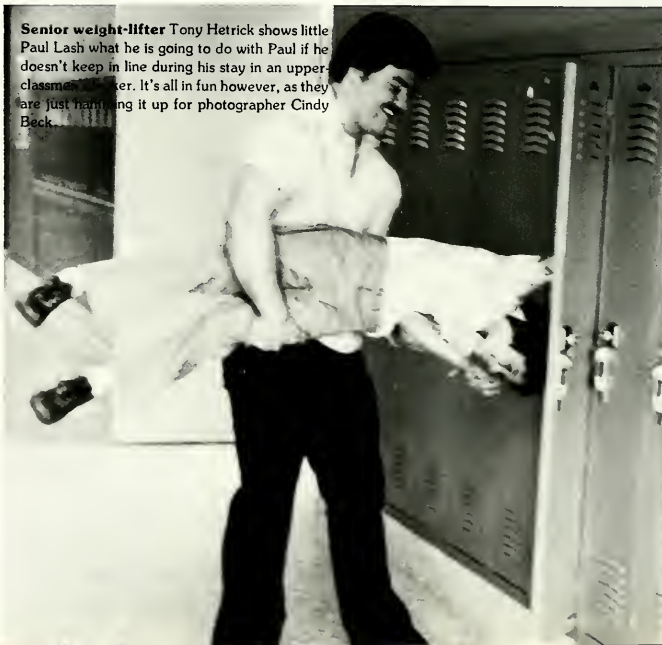
met with them, detailing the options, and stating that it would be for only a week or two, they voted to go along with it.

Many of the junior high students didn't like the idea either, but when they found out that they could choose who they would share with, they decided to go along with the plan.

Since the 7th graders would be moving into the older students' lockers, several were asked their opinions about it. Scott Novak replied, "It's OK if you get to share with the right person." On the other hand, Amy Lewis felt that, "It's not fair to make them share their lockers." Many others just didn't seem to care one way or the other. Perhaps Brad Coolman summed it up best when he stated, "It's OK. It's just for a couple of weeks or so."

-Todd Delagrange o

Senior weight-lifter Tony Hetrick shows little Paul Lash what he is going to do with Paul if he doesn't keep in line during his stay in an upper-classman locker. It's all in fun however, as they are just handling it up for photographer Cindy Beck.



-Cindy Beck



## Rhonda: A Quiet Strength

A tall, slim, graceful girl, a colorful scarf and a shy smile, that's the picture left when one glances at Rhonda Crowe. From all outward appearances Rhonda is a typical 7th grader, laughing and giggling with friends during project period or struggling with a jammed locker. But on the inside Rhonda is a very special girl. Four years ago Rhonda was diagnosed as having a disease called leukemia. As soon as she was diagnosed, Rhonda was put on a treatment of chemotherapy. She was then on the treatment for the next four years. But not long after Rhonda had finished her treatments, she had a relapse and was put back on the therapy for two more years.

Rhonda now goes every week to Memphis, Tennessee to receive her chemotherapy. She leaves on Tuesday night, spends a day there and returns on Thursday.

There are a lot of trials and struggles that go along with being a cancer patient and when asked how she and her family coped with them, the bashful girl replied, "We've accepted it as a normal part of our lives, it's just the regular routine." "I just want everybody to think of me as a normal 13 year old," Rhonda stated.

Normal. What is normal for a 13 year old? At Leo it's the first year attending high school, required home ec. and shop classes, and having

crushes on older students. But unknown to most students, there are kids who have gone through trials and struggles at very young ages, and become stronger people because of these challenges. "You realize that the little things in life aren't as important after going through something like this," the mature youngster informed. When the subject of living normally was brought up, Rhonda quickly replied, "I don't try to live normally, I do!"

Interview by:

Susie Robbins

Diagnosed Hodgkin's disease

April, 1980 o



# Christmas Can Drive Successful

Every year the students are presented with new challenges. This year was no exception. During a required project period assembly, Mr. Novak announced that the whole school was going to participate in a can drive for the needy people in the township. Mr. Don Yoder, township trustee, said that if every student would bring in seven cans of food, the total would be over 5,000 cans.

Almost everybody thought that a goal of 5,000 was too high to reach. However, Mr. Novak promised the entire student body a half day with no classes and a dance with WMEE disc jockeys if they reached their goal.

On Monday morning the students started bringing in cans, and surprisingly, the eighth graders were right at the top. Due to a slow start, it began to look as if the students would not get the half day off. On the last day, though, the final tally showed the total well over the goal.

By the end of the can drive it seemed the sophomores had won, as they had the greatest total number of cans. But they had not won. The 119 eighth graders had more cans per students, and they won the pizza party.

Many eighth graders related that it was

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Bart Albright  
Tammy Bailey  
Tania Ball  
Brian Bauman  
Grant Beatty  
Bruce Beerbower  
Don Bender



Mary Blauser  
Mike Bonbrake  
David Boyce  
Joe Brandenberger  
Jessica Brandt  
Tom Brewer  
Krista Bufe



Jackie Butler  
Jo Ann Cavanaugh  
Mindy Christman  
Cheryl Clark  
Bobbie Clay  
Boyd Coolman  
Rodney Cox



Anita Delabarre  
Kim Delagrange  
Michelle Delagrange  
Brig Dellinger  
Jon Douglass  
Terry Doyle  
Mike Dwyer





**Vincent Stovall** and some of his friends finish up the can drive by hauling the cans to the west lobby for final delivery.



Denise Galuoppo  
Brian Garmen  
Brad Garretson  
Craig Good  
Amy Grayless  
Debby Greer  
Mark Handerson

Sharon Handlin  
Gary Hensley  
Edgard Herran  
Allen Hetrick  
Eric Hobson  
Tony Jones  
Matt Kelly

Angie Kidd  
Irene Kissner  
Christa Korte  
John Kurtz  
Pam Kurtz  
Kurt Lengacher  
Chris Lowden

Keith Martin  
Troy McDaniel  
Wendy McDaniel  
David Means  
Diana Meyers  
Greg Miller  
Randy Miller



-Todd Fuzy

## Christmas Drive

an exciting experience helping the needy. Noel Palmer stated that he tried to get cans because he wanted, "To eat pizza!" Most of the eighth graders agreed that the pizza party was well worth the effort of collecting all those cans.

The can drive established the reputation of the eighth grade class as hardworking and enthusiastic before they even get into high school.

-David Carnahan o

**During project period** Denise Galuoppo socializes and catches up on homework in the cafeteria with her friends.



Randy Miller  
Rick Miller  
Laura Mizzell  
Bonnie Moffett  
Todd Mohler  
Mark Mowan  
Tammy Mullins



Linda Muzzillo  
Dianne Newport  
Wade Oliver  
Dan Osborn  
Keith Passwater  
Penny Perkins  
Chester Pine



Jon Poling  
Bob Pulver  
Holly Redmon  
Judy Reith  
Aimee Richards  
Del Roth  
Brian Rothgeb



Patty Roy  
Steve Ruppert  
Jennifer Souder  
Beth Scanlon  
Laverne Schwartz  
Stephanie Scott  
David Shaffer



Lisa Swartz and Michelle Delagrange find time to catch up on homework in the library.

-Terry Cooper



Andrea Zych

**Not Pictured**

Bryan Allen  
James Brandenberger  
Rebecca Eicher  
Christine Gee

Mary Graber  
Victor Graber  
Jeffrey Miller  
Lester Schmucher

David Shaw  
Brian Shepard  
Tom Shoaff  
Debbie Short  
Faith Smead  
Jay Smith  
Jeff Smith

Stefani Smith  
Vincent Stovall  
Tom Strauss  
Bob Strong  
Criss Sukala  
Lisa Swartz  
Robyn Townsend

Shawn Townsend  
Sunday Webb  
Paula West  
Amy Williams  
Mike Witt  
Paula Working  
Leslie Yoder



Frank Albright  
Bryan Allen  
Missy Alwine  
Lola Amburgey  
Julie Anderson  
Elaine Arnett  
Therisa Baldwin



Bob Beck  
Cindy Bender  
Bobby Black  
Brian Blake  
Jim Blomberg  
Jeff Bradley  
Teri Burns



Jodi Busche  
Curt Butler  
Renee Butt  
Andy Carcione  
Joel Carter  
David Cartwright  
Rene Castator



Lori Caswell  
Scott Caywood  
Bobby Chancey  
Ron Chancey  
Kerry Clay  
John Comer  
Nora Cook



Mark Coppock  
Barry Craig  
Shelly Craig  
Cindy Dahlkamp  
Charise Delagrange  
Michelle Delagrange  
Debbie Denton



## Outgrowing the "Tin Grin" Smile

Although braces are a heavy subject for some freshmen, most of the students that were questioned really didn't hate them as badly as they thought.

Cindy Morris, a former wearer of braces, replied, "I wasn't really worried about it, I just thought of how my teeth would look afterwards." On the other hand, Carmen Reschly commented, "I hated them because they hurt my mouth."

Although many of the students agreed with Carmen, Just about all of these who had had braces said that they really didn't regret wearing them at all, because of the way that their teeth turned out.

Consequently, the so-called awful things in life, such as braces, are not so terrible. Tim Glenn states, "I didn't like the idea of getting braces at first because of all the problems my sisters had had-a sore mouth, not being able



Cindy DeWitt  
Sandy Deimer  
Cindy Doctor  
Kim Douglas  
Larry Dwinell  
Curtis Eastes  
Gary Fisher

Doug Fouts  
Laurie Foutz  
Scott Fruits  
Dale Gerke  
Tim Glenn  
Renee Gongwer  
Beth Gottfried

Chris Grabowski  
Buffy Grime  
Kim Gruber  
Jackie Harris  
Gerry Heare  
Karen Heine  
Tom Herendeen

Megan Iemma  
Rhonda Kiefer  
Ken Kissner  
Troy Klopfenstein  
Janet Kurtz  
Jennifer Kurtz  
Mark Lantz

Barry Leffers  
Shelley Lengacher  
Trica Leichty  
Jackie Liggett  
Renee Linn  
Kris Lovett  
Mike Lovett



Since last year's first year, the schoolers, Michelle, Delaney, and Busche gather with other friends for a longer project period.



Mark Lowden  
Kelly Martin  
Rick McMahon  
Debbie Means  
Melissa Medcalf  
Carol Meinering  
Keith Miller



Marvin Moor  
Cindy Morris  
Kris Mosier  
Julie Moss  
Phil Neuhouser  
Suzanne Newport  
Scott Parr



Mike Perkins  
Mike Peters  
Karen Pfister  
Kelly Platter  
Carmen Reschly  
Darin Roth  
Jay Rothgeb



Rob Sanders  
Erik Schindler  
Stacey Sieler  
Pam Shaffer  
Julie Shepard  
Brian Smeltzer  
Mark Smith



# Smile

cont.

to eat certain foods, and people calling them names. But now that I've had them, I'm glad I went to all the trouble."

One of the major concerns for students facing the brace age was the namecalling—"tinsel teeth" "metal mouth," "tin grin," and more — but as most students commented, "You get over it."

Most students will wear braces from one to six years, depending on how much dental work is needed.

Don't be fooled, though. Even after the braces are off, another two to four years will be spent on mouth positioners and retainers. In addition to this, there exist some dangers, such as getting the braces caught in your pillow at night, leaving your retainer on your lunch tray and accidentally throwing it in the trash. And the most dreaded danger of all is getting your braces caught on someone else's when giving a friendly little kiss.

Braces aren't exactly cheap, either. They will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000, depending on the amount of work and how much time it takes.

-Todd Delagrange o





Glenda Stabler  
Don Stall  
Tim Stoller  
Eric Stouder  
John Stout  
Gretchen Strasser  
Chris Stuckey



Michael Thomas  
Leah Thornhill  
Bob Timbrook  
Mark Toarmina  
Mishelle Vlot  
Sherry Wasson  
Myron Weber



Dee Dee Wielbaker  
Karen Wiblen  
Lisa Witt  
Ken Witt  
Christy Wittwer  
Patty Wittwer  
Jenny Wright



**Not Pictured:**

Lisa Krauter  
Randal Perron  
Laury Ziehr

Toyna Wyman  
Deana Zimmerman



**Tricia Tappy, Brian Blake,** Gary Fisher, Dale Gerke, and graduate Lynn Gerke (far left), take time out to look through their new 1980 year-books before the homecoming dance.

**Finding a soft place to read,** Tom Herendeen, Gary Fisher, Mark Smith, and Mike Thomas work on their English assignment in the library.

-photo by Doug Dilley



# The Traditional But Extravagant Ring

Ordering class rings can be an exciting experience for sophomores, but it is also a pain. This year, like other years, the class selected Josten's as their ring company. When January 29, the ordering day, arrived, the East Lobby was mobbed with sophomores anxious to make their selections. One of them, Sheila Ball, related, "I've wanted a class ring ever since third grade, when my older brother got his."

The sophomores had a wide selection from which to choose. This included almost 30 select-a-sides, 5 different kinds of metal, and 12 different colors of stones.

Barbie Albright  
Lisa Antil  
Theresa Bailey  
Sheila Ball  
Greg Bauman  
David Baumgartner  
Kim Bennett



Renee Bienz  
Tim Blauvelt  
Tracy Boxberger  
Mary Brandenberger  
Shari Bryan  
Leslye Bufe  
Scott Carey



Tony Carlos  
Holly Caswell  
Mark Chaney  
Patti Chapman  
Kelly Collier  
James Collins  
Kent Coppock



Kim Culberson  
Mike Day  
Lee DeLaBarre  
Delbert Delagrange  
Doug Dilley  
Tina Donat  
Dawn Dorsey



Maureen Doyle  
Marcy Dwinell  
Ramona Eastes  
Sheryl Feathers  
Yvonne Fouts  
Tom Franks  
Cary Fries



Ben Funnell  
Todd Fuzzy  
Louisa Galuoppo  
Rich Gardner  
Mike Garretson  
Peter Garrison  
Rodney Gaul





-photo by Mike Day

**Some eager sophomores** wait in the east Lobby to order their 1983 class rings during project period.



George Gee  
Robin Gerke  
Chris Gibson  
Nancy Glass  
Michelle Gooley  
Diane Grabowski  
Troy Green



Lisa Hadley  
Susie Haines  
Shellie Halt  
Kelly Handerson  
Jeff Handlin  
Scott Harris  
Scott Hattery



Susan Heare  
Julie Hechler  
Kim Hein  
Marty Heller  
Lee Henderson  
Flavia Herran  
Cindy Hill



David Hill  
Terry Hill  
John Holderman  
Anita Johnson  
Jim Johnston  
Chris Kelley  
Debbie Kerlin



Todd Kirkman  
Mark Kissner  
Dawn Koester  
Angie Kurtz  
Todd Land  
John Lengacher  
Cheryl Leslie



Beth Liechty  
Tamra Liechty  
Jeff Loser  
Norma Lothamer  
Doug Lovett  
Lisa MacQueen  
Kim Martin



-photo by Kris Steury

Most of the sophomores selected their birthstone colors for their rings, but Randy Mishler stated, "I got a blue stone in my lustrum ring because it would look better than a pink (October) stone." The stone can also be cut in many different ways, including the india cut, sunburst cut, and many others.

Since the market price of gold has skyrocketed, this is the second year for the high price of gold rings. They now cost over \$200 for boys, and slightly less for girls. The silver-colored rings, lustrum and argentus, that start at about \$75 are increasingly popular because of this situation, although a few gold were ordered. Approximately 25% of the class did not order any rings.

-David Carnahan o

# Ring

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Mike McConnell  
Greg McCrory  
Jim McKinley



Andy McNair  
Scott Miller  
Shawn Miller  
Tony Mizzell  
Mark Moore  
David Myers  
John Pfister



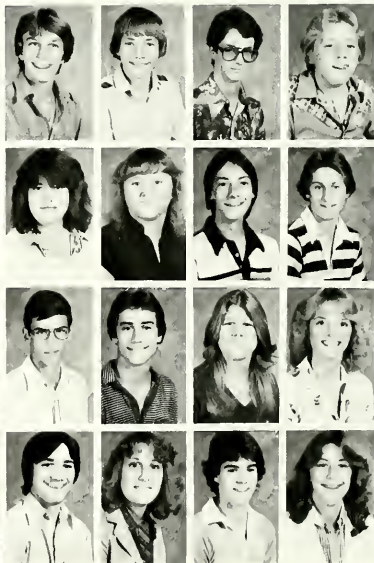
Deborah Phillips  
Ellen Piering  
Guy Platter  
Cheryl Reith  
Margaret Renfrow  
Bill Resor  
John Richards



Mike Ritter  
Susie Robbins  
Clark Rogers  
Kraig Roth  
Pete Roth  
Peggy Roy  
Jean Saturday



Joan Saturday  
Brenda Schwartz  
William Schwartz  
Randy Scott  
Sandie Scudder  
Mark Sellars  
Ann Shaw





The library offers many reading materials including the daily newspaper. Sophomore Todd Land finds the time to read about current events, while other students like Lisa Antil and Trica Tappy use the library to work on homework.

-photo by Scott Hattery



Jeff Smead  
Janette Smith  
Mike Smith  
Susan Smith



Julie Snider  
Susie Snyder  
Lisa Sowles  
Joe Stoltz  
Denise Straughn  
Tim Strauss  
Andrea Stuckey



Lauri Swartz  
Pete Tagtmeyer  
Tricia Tappy  
Carl Thomas  
Lynn Thomas  
Mike Wagner  
Linda Warner



Chad Watson  
Bruce Weber  
Tom Wehner  
Doresa West  
Susan Wickey  
Hope Wilson  
Julie Wisler



**Not Pictured:**  
Dennis Amstutz  
James Deventer  
Debbie Fore  
Donald Mozena

Bob Wright  
Sam Wyman  
Ed Yoder  
Lori Yoder



John Adams  
Jay Alwine  
Connie Anderson  
Lisa Barnes  
Mike Bartle  
Mike Beck  
Dawn Bender



Todd Bertsch  
Sandra Bishop  
Scott Boxberger  
Martin Brandenberger  
Beth Bridges  
Mary Brinkman  
Jason Bufe



Kim Burkett  
James Burns  
Kara Butler  
Dave Carnahan  
Elizabeth Carpenter  
Karen Cavanaugh  
Don Caywood



Duane Caywood  
Dave Christman  
Mark Clark  
Rodney Cole  
Dawn Craig  
JoAnn DeLaBarre  
Denneen DeWitt



## Legal at Last

Although our school building will be experiencing growing pains in the next few years, juniors traditionally face these with their cars.

When classifying his vehicle, Mike Beck labels it a "sheer piece of junk!" As the car reaches 55 miles per hour, it starts to shake and then the engine starts rattling and clanking as if the engine is going to fall through. Mike also relates that his car uses a quart of oil every other day, evidenced by the smoke that pours out of his exhaust and hood constantly. When taking a girl out on a date, he states, "She can't get out of the car since the doors stick." No one's car is like Mike's big green boat but he loves her.

John Shidler considers his car a piece of junk also, and the only thing keeping it together is the rust. He proceeded to drive it home one night where the back bumper finally "bit the dust."

Jim Burns describes his car as definitely "the pits." He had an accident and the doors now stick, and the front end is smashed in. "The inside of the car looks pretty good except to turn on the heater you have to use a screw driver," Jim explained. "I like it, but it stalls in the rain and it won't back up during the winter."

-Dave Carnahan ◊



Darlene Delagrange  
Leigh Delagrange  
Marlene Delagrange  
Ren Delagrange  
Todd Delagrange  
Erin Doyle  
Debbie Erb

John Fitzsimmons  
Tina Franks  
L. Kelly Garman  
Lynn Gerig  
Mary Glass  
Darrell Graber  
Duane Guingrich

Debby Harrod  
Bob Heiser  
Karen Herendeen  
Bruce Hill  
Susie Hobson  
Michelle Horn  
Susan Huguenard

Tammy Jones  
Yvonne Keller  
Scott Kelley  
Vickie Kurlin  
Dawn Kitzmiller  
Dawn Klaehn  
Bobbie Klea



-Michael Day



-Jim Shoemaker

**Kris Steury** finds the centaur in one of the year-book magazines amusing.

**Many juniors** have the burden of their cars but Marcy Strauss takes the easy way out of getting to school and rides the bus.



Mike Krause  
Rhonda Krugh  
Paula Ladd  
Kay Leeper  
Marla Leffers  
Danny Leslie  
Julie Lewandowski



Eugene Liechty  
Jill Linnemeier  
Pam Lothamer  
John Lovett  
Craig Martin  
Rosemary Meadows  
Matt Meinerding



Cindy Miazga  
Curtis Miller  
Jeff Miller  
Shelly Miller  
Tracey Miller  
Theresa Minnick  
Cathy Moon



Pattie Morrical  
Larry Mowan  
Mark Neuhouser  
Sheley Neuhouser  
Ken Osborn  
Tom Overmyer  
John Parkison



Nancy Pfister  
Kevin Pocock  
Ray Pulver  
Bill Rayle  
Kathy Rieth  
Sue Richardville  
Kris Ridderheim



-John Adams

## AWOL from Class

Skipping out of school has been somewhat of a problem until lately when Mr. Novak cracked down on attendance. He says, "Taking attendance every period helps to keep students in school."

Many students, when asked the question, "Why would you skip out?" replied that, "It was something else to do," "School was boring," or they didn't want to be in school in the first place. The next question was, "How do students skip out?" Some students either fake a note, have their mom write them a note, or as one student replied, "I just walk out."

The final question asked was,

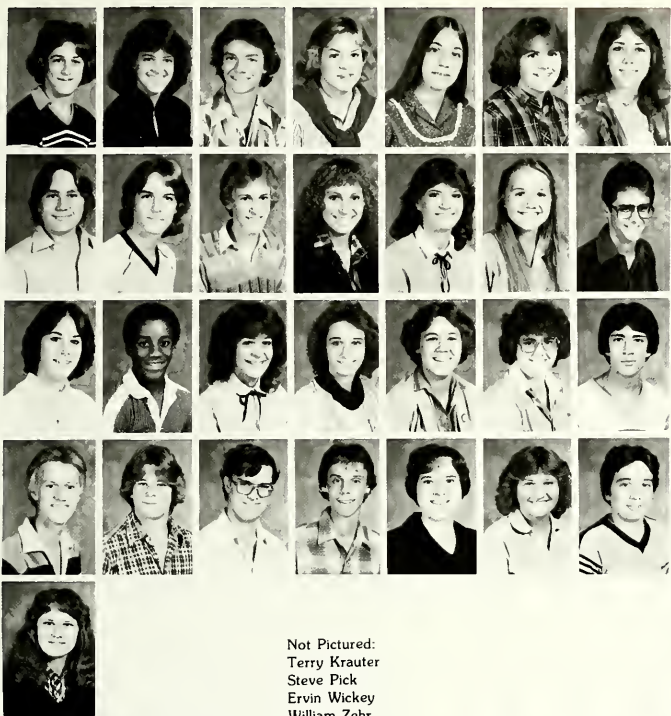
"After the student went to all the trouble to skip out, where would they go?" One student said he would go home and sleep, while most of the others would either go to Glenbrook or Southtown Mall.

What's the use in skipping out then? The way it sounds, there isn't much to do anyway. Besides there is always the chance of getting caught.

-Todd Delagrange

Shifting gears on a tractor is a little trickier than in a 4x4, Gail Steigerwald finds out.





Not Pictured:  
Terry Krauter  
Steve Pick  
Ervin Wickey  
William Zehr

Robbie Roberts  
Kim Roth  
Charles Ruppert  
Laura Saum  
Carla Schwartz  
Susan Scudder  
Sharon Shepard

John Shidler  
Jim Shoemaker  
Rod Sinn  
Rhonda Slentz  
Patty Souder  
Gail Steigerwald  
Doyle Steury

Kristine Steury  
Al Stovall  
Marcy Strauss  
Theresa Strong  
Tammy Thompson  
Terral Vliot  
Craig Waldrop

Jeff Walters  
Dave Wells  
James Wittwer  
Jeff Wright  
Lori Yoder  
Michelle Yoder  
Brian Yost

Valerie Zych



-Terry Cooper



-Scott Hattery

**As he marches** in the Auburn parade, Curtis Miller concentrates on his drumming techniques.

**Darlene Delagrange**, Erin Doyle and Dawn Kitzmiller go through their parts in a pre-school swing choir practice.



-Cindy Beck

# NIGHTLIFE

We all know the feeling . . . it's Friday, and the "TGIF rowdies" begin to creep in. By the time the bell rings at 3:10, the thought of going home and watching TV re-runs all night leaves quite a bit to be desired. The solution to the "what-do-I-do-when-I've-got-the-rowdies-and-don't-want-to-stay-home" problem is to pick up the phone, call a group of friends, and ask the ever-popular question: "Wanna go somewhere?" Of course, the ever-popular answer is "Sure!", and soon cars with Leo High School parking stickers in the rear windows are zipping toward Canterbury, Grabill Park, Godfather's Pizza, and Glenbrook. These well-liked locations serve as meeting places for teens who are looking for a mini-vacation from the stack of books waiting at home. The homework will wait until Sunday because weekends were made for having loads of good times at our "homes-away-from-home," our favorite hangouts.

-Cindy Beck o



Lisa A. Albright  
Valerie A. Allen  
Timothy J. Arnett  
Matthew G. Augustyniak



Rhonda S. Bailey  
Cynthia J. Beck  
Renee S. Beck  
Joyce E. Beerbower





Thomas E. Bender  
Ron L. Bienz  
Warren L. Blomberg



Brenda L. Burlingame  
Tonya S. Burns  
Alan L. Case



Jeffrey D. Clark  
Randall L. Clevon  
Todd A. Conn



Terry J. Cooper  
Linda K. Crabill  
Angela L. Culberson



Cheryl L. Dahlkamp  
Joitta B. Delagrange  
Ronald E. Delagrange  
Beth A. DeWitt



Roger A. Diemer  
David D. Dilley  
Deborah K. Dorsey  
Timothy S. Doyle



Rebecca W. Ehlers  
Lori A. Garman  
Maria A. Gee  
Eric W. Gibson



Jeannie A. Glenn  
Bradley L. Good  
Ronald W. Greer  
Matthew R. Grieger



Mark A. Grush  
Eric L. Gustin  
Robby Hartnett  
Jody S. Hatfield



## PLEASE SIGN ON DOTTED LINE...

The Carter Administration's decision to reinstitute draft registration became a major topic of discussion among the seniors, both male and female. The reason for their keen interest was that they were the first class to be affected by the draft in a long time. Under the rules of the Selective Service Board, males 18 and 19 years old were required to register within 30 days of their birthdays. Females could not register, even if they wanted to, due to a Supreme Court decision ruling the drafting of women unconstitutional. Responding

to that, Dave Hosier stated, "If women want equal rights, they should have to register like us."

Seniors debated over not only who should register, but if anyone should have to sign up during peace time. Opinions on peace time registration ranged from Jon Yoder's, "It stinks", to Dan Schardt's, "It's our duty to our nation." No matter what anyone thought, the government could find no better alternative. Guys still have to report to the post office to give Uncle Sam their autograph.

-Cindy Beck o

**Registration is mandatory for Randy Clevon after he turned 18 in February.**



Anthony C. Hechler  
Anthony S. Hetrick  
Steven M. Hill  
Valerie S. Hill



David L. Hosier  
Kathleen S. Hursh  
Todd M. Johnson  
Laurie Y. Johnston



Rita A. Kaiser  
Tammy L. Keim  
Jerry W. Keller  
Kevin D. Kruckeberg

Cindy Beck



Theresa L. Kurtz  
Timothy S. Land



Vincent R. Leazier  
Boyd A. Leichty



Sarah McNair  
Dawn G. Miller



Jennifer A. Miller  
Kelly L. Miller  
Ken A. Miller



Patrick T. Miller  
Candy A. Moon  
Ricky L. Mowan



Andrew V. Overmyer  
William G. Paul  
Cheryl L. Platt



Billi R. Pocock  
Denton C. Prusley  
Kimberly A. Reasoner



Richard J. Reith  
Thomas P. Repine  
Carla J. Ridderheim



Tammie E. Roberts  
Bruce W. Roth  
Kent M. Roth





**The towering spires** of Cinderella's Castle at Disney World pierce the clouds of a dramatic Florida sky.

**Sporting their colorful T-shirts**, the Leo girls enjoy 80° weather in front of the bus that served as their home on wheels.



## THE POSSUM EXPERIENCE

It was a dreary Wednesday night, nearly eight o'clock, a time when most students were home busy with studies or TV shows. An average day was coming to a close. For six seniors Student Council members, however, the word "average" had nothing to do with Wednesday, November 12. That night was the beginning of an exciting trip to Florida on a Taylor University "Possum" bus. Cindy Beck, Linda Crabill, Becky Ehlers, Kim Reasoner, Theresa Kurtz, and Marla Yoder boarded the bus at Heritage High School, not knowing what to expect.

They found, to their surprise, that approximately thirty other students from East Allen County schools would be riding "Possum Five", a renovated Greyhound, with them. Since the purpose of the

trip was to encourage good relationships among the schools in the area, the close quarters proved to be an asset. After all, it is rather difficult for students to concentrate on school rivalries while they are sitting almost on each others' laps.

The trip was not all work and no play. The students enjoyed three fabulous days in Florida, including one day each at Disney World, River Country, and New Smyrna Beach. The highlight of the trip was far removed from the Sunshine State. It was a mountain climbing expedition in the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee. The six days passed very quickly, and the girls were soon home, loaded with souvenirs which would remind them of the "possum experience."

**photos and story-Cindy Beck** ◊

**Several members of the group** seek elusive handholds while scaling to the summit of Chimney Tops Mountain in Tennessee.





# Constructive Leadership



-Cindy Beck

The foundation had been laid. Their fellow classmates had chosen them for the job of leading the class, and the Senior Class officers dug right in and did it. Four hard workers, each with his own skills to contribute, made up the working crew.

As foreman, fun-loving President Matt Grieger directed the activities.

Trace Roth served as vice-president and tackled any dirty work that needed to be done. Bulldozing through the mounds of paperwork was Rita Kaiser, secretary. Treasurer Ginger Morgan rounded out the crew, completing the cumbersome task of balancing the budget.

Under the group's constructive leadership, the Senior Class built on

previous traditions. After carefully following the original blueprints of previous crews, the officers of the Class of '81 added their own distinctive touches. The resulting reputation was a monument any crew could be proud of.

-Cindy Beck o

Trace Roth  
Christine V. Saturday  
Daniel A. Schardt  
Janna L. Schlatter



Sharon R. Schwartz  
Kimberly K. Sellars  
Timothy K. Smead  
Brent A. Snyder



Bryan L. Steury  
Jane E. Stout  
Tamara S. Troyer  
Lisa VanAllen





Todd S. Van Allen  
Patrick R. Vendrely  
Kayle N. Watson III  
Caroline L. Weibaker



Daniel L. Weibaker  
Geoffery N. Weldon  
Daniel S. West  
Connie S. Witmer



Christopher J. Wittwer  
Pamela J. Working  
Scott J. Wyman  
Amy J. Yoder



Jon K. Yoder  
Marla B. Yoder  
Jane M. Zorger



Something beautiful is  
never lost  
In memory of  
**Timothy A. Stuckey**,  
born April 14, 1963,  
fatally injured in a  
tractor accident,  
June 25, 1977.

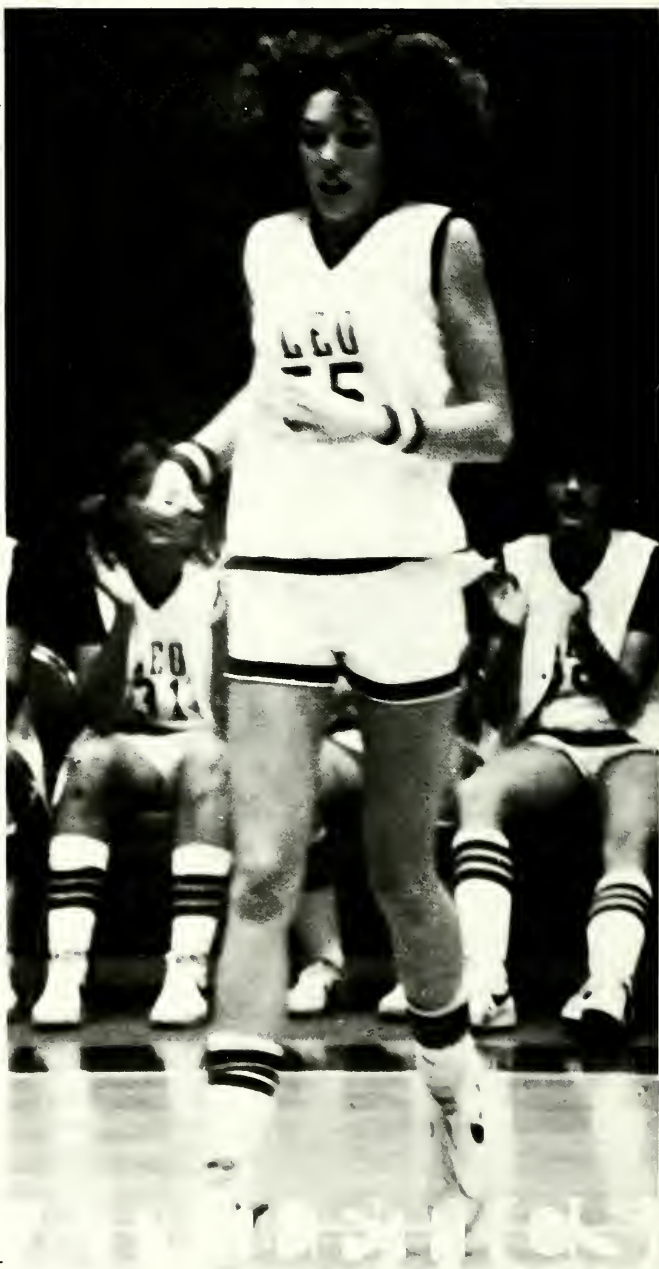


**Senior Tonya Burns**, Leo's first girl basketball player to score 1000 career points, runs onto the home floor during pre-game introductions at the North Side game.

**After defeating Woodlan's Mark Pusey** in the final match of the Woodlan Invitational, senior Matt Grieger accepts a first-place trophy from Coach Kerbel.



**The bench may seem** like a lonely, empty place, but for a drink of water, an ankle wrap, or a quick breather, there's no better spot to be.



## **Losing is a part of a winning tradition.**

**G**rowing faster, stronger, more skilled is what sports is all about. The dreams are present, but there's plenty of sweating and stretching to be done before they will come true. The world of sports is one in which pains are sometimes considered to be good signs.

The discomforts of warming up prevent shin splints later on. Exhausting practices mean more endurance in the long run. An athlete learns to take the physical pain as it comes, knowing it signals growth and improvement.

There are some pains, however, that can't be helped with band-aids or Ben Gay. The disappointment of losing and the heartache of seeing dreams go up in smoke are not easily treated. In a school with a winning tradition, it is sometimes hard to admit defeat.

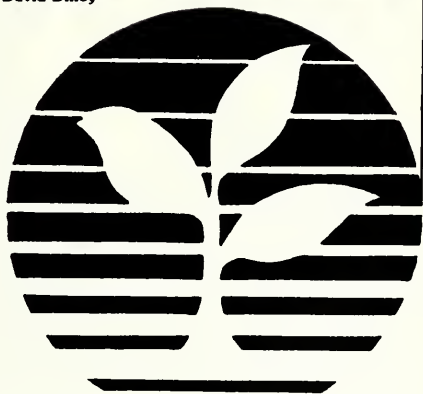
Even the knowledge that everyone did his best doesn't fill the void left by unaccomplished goals for a long while. These hurts only time will heal. Sooner or later, the realization dawns that losing is a part of winning. And, after all, we've certainly won our share.

**-Cindy Beck**

The mascots embody the "Lion Pride" which is growing more apparent at Leo in increased game attendance and more spirit.



**-David Dilley**





Anyone who is involved in cross country — whether he be fan, coach, or runner — knows that the most logical and often-asked question is "How much farther?" From start to finish, every question emblazoned in his mind how much farther wondering when the grueling pain will stop.

Well, for the 1980-81 cross country runner, the distance was farther than that for runners in previous years. The Indiana High School Athletic Association had once again lengthened the standard cross country running distance. The usual two and one-half mile distance was changed to 5000 meters (3.1 miles). This longer distance, however, did not hinder the **Leo Cross Country Team**. With many new

faces trying out, the team had to rely on three returning lettermen and six new underclassmen who had never experienced the "joy" of cross country. Leading the team for the season was, in fact, a new runner, Jeff Smead. As a sophomore, Jeff helped the team tremendously with his outstanding running achievements. Jeff had three first-place finishes in the season and was All-Conference in the ACAC meet with a third-place finish. With a record-breaking time of 16:18, Jeff led the Lions in the ACAC conference meet as the team at Sectionals with a sixth-place finish, which qualified him for the Regionals. The team also finished in sixth place but did not qualify for the Regionals.

During the Regional race, Jeff ended his season after twisting his ankle.

The season was a "building one," as head coach Mr. Dubach put it. It was a season for new runners to get acquainted with 5000 meters. When the season finally came to an end, there was a sigh of relief. Senior Dave Hosier was elected captain, senior Matt Grieger was awarded the "Golden Guts Award," and sophomore Jeff Smead received the "Most Valuable Runner Award." The team was allowed a whole week off, and then it was back to the roads.

Many long and lonely miles would have to be put in before track season started. And the question still remains "How much farther?" — As far as it takes."

-Matthew Grieger o

No pain, no gain. This obvious conclusion Senior Matt Grieger makes as he tries to reach the summit of this hill in a cross-country race with Garrett. Matt placed third as the team inched by, 27 to 31.

# How Much Farther?

**SENIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY.** (front row): Chris Kelley, Mark Chaney, Doug Fouts, Bobby Wright;

(back row): John Richards, Jim Collins, Matt Grieger, David Hosier, Jeff Wright, Jeff Smead, Coach Ron Dubach.



**-Jim Collins**

**At the regional** cross country race, sophomore Jeff Smead makes his way past the two mile mark. Jeff was the first Leo cross country runner ever to qualify for the regionals.



**JR. HIGH CROSS COUNTRY.** (front row: Crista Bufe, Paul Lasa, Bobby Clay, (back row) Coach Ron Dubach, Wade Driver, Jim Harris, Keith Martin, Greg Kelley.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

6-3 Overall

4-3 ACAC

Sectionals: sixth place



**Mr. Ron Dubach** has completed his fifth year as head cross country coach. He is also head coach for the Jr. High cross country team.



# Better Than Expected

A lot of sweat and grueling hard work produced one of the strongest football teams Leo has ever seen. Even though the team's 6-4 record was not outstanding, the team did surpass the predictions of many. Before the season started the Lions weren't expected to do well due to the loss of 11 graduating seniors. In fact the offensive line this year had zero years of past experience. This, though, did not stop the Lions, as head Coach Kerbel reached into his pocket of magic and

pulled out Leo's 7th consecutive winning season.

The team, led by 13 seniors was topped off by All-Conference, All-City, and All-State defensive back Matt Augustyniak. "Augie" was also the starting quarterback and commanded the Lions throughout the year. Senior Kent Roth and junior Mark Neuhaus were also elected to the All-Conference team. Tony Hechler was named to the All-Area team and was All-Conference honor-

able mention.

The junior class was well represented by all-purpose back Matt Meinertding who gained 152 yards at the homecoming game as Leo slipped by Heritage, 21 to 19.

For the reserve team, its 6-1 win-loss record was the second best in Lion history. With junior quarterback Jason Bufe behind the wheel, the team functioned at top rate efficiency.

**-Rod Sinno**

## VARSITY FOOTBALL Won 6 Lost 4

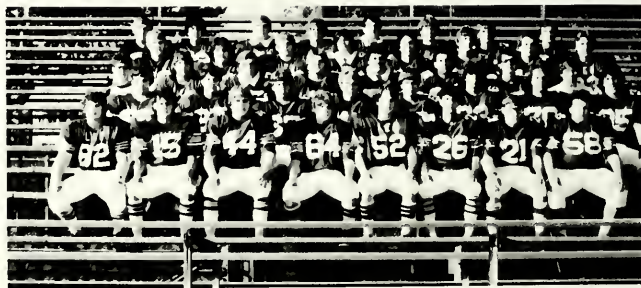
Leo 14	8	Adams Central
Leo 30	0	Prairie Heights
Leo 14	7	Southern Wells
Leo 0	54	Norwell
Leo 7	0	Churubusco
Leo 40	0	Hamilton
Leo 2	6	Carroll
Leo 21	19	Heritage
Leo 0	10	Woodian
Leo 7	27	Eastside



**Mr. Bill Kerbel** has finished his 3rd year as head coach of varsity football.

**Senior David Dilley** tries to gain yardage on a reverse play. Despite the effort, the Lions suffered their most disastrous loss ever, 54-0, to regional runner-up Norwell.

**VARSITY & RESERVE FOOTBALL.** (front row): Dennis Amstutz, Jason Bufe, Jeff Handlin, David Wells, Duane Guingrich, Dan West, Jay Alwine, Joe Stolte; (second row): Andy Overmyer, David Dilley, Tom Overmyer, Jim Burns, Bruce Weber, Roger Deimer, Scott Boxberger, Ken Miller; (third row): mgr. Doyle Steury, Pete Garrison, Kent Roth, Matt Augustyniak, Tony Hetrick, Robbie Hartnett, David Meyers, mgr. Geoff Weldon; (fourth row): Terry Cooper, Vince Leazier, Scott Carey, Tim Land, Tim Doyle, Matt Meinertding, Ron Beinz, Jeff Losier; (back row): Coach Bill Kerbel, Craig Waldrop, Mark Neuhaus, Tony Carlos, Rod Gaul, Tony Hechler, David Christman, Coach Steve Gabet.





#### RESERVE FOOTBALL

Won 6 Lost 1

Leo	20-6	Prairie Heights
Leo	19-12	Garrett
Leo	0-0	Heritage (forfeit)
Leo	12-8	Woodlan
Leo	0-6	East Noble
Leo	25-0	Eastside
Leo	20-14	Churubusco



**Mr. Tom Steinhauser** has coached football at Leo for 13 years, 9 as head reserve coach.

**Quarterback Matt Augustyniak** calls out the signals as center **Vince Leazier** anticipates hiking the ball.

**On the side lines**, reserve Coach Steinhauser consults with sophomore **Dave Meyers** about the game. Leo won 20-14 over Churubusco.



# Young Lions Play Well

Looking beyond the 0-5 win-loss record, the **Seventh grade Football Team** gained much experience. Led by Jess Zink, Brad Coolman and Scott Novak, the team found out the true meaning of being in a competitive sport. Unfortunately, they found out the hard way by losing 4 of the 5 games by a one touchdown margin. The other loss came at the hands of Churubusco 30-0.

**9th GRADE FOOTBALL.** (front row): Bobby Black, Kerry Clay, Mark Toarmino, Bob Beck, Mark Smith, Brian Black, John Stout, David Cartwright, Dale Gerke. (second row): Gary Fisher, Mark Coppock, Troy Klopfenstein, Barry Leffers, Phil Neuhaus, Curt Butler, Gary Heare, Mike Perkins. (third row): Mgr. Frank Albright, Mgr. Marvin Moor, Bob Chancery, Don Stoll, Keith Miller, Mike Peters, Curt Eastes, Larry Dwinell. (back row): Coach Walton, Asst. Coach Phil Bollier.

**The Eighth Grade Team** completed its year with a 4-2 win-loss record. The season was capped off by a win over Garrett, 14-0. The Lions won the North Division Championship of the ACAC to complete the season on a good note.

On the **Ninth Grade** level, the road was more rugged, with the young Lions winning only 1 of the 6 games they played. Though the team won

only one game, it was a decisive win over Angola, 12-0. Some of the standout players were Brian Blake, Phil Neuhaus, and David Cartwright. They took the honors for all-around player, defensive standout and outstanding offensive player in that respective order.

-Rod Sinn ◊



**8th GRADE FOOTBALL.** (front row): Mgr. Mike Witt, Greg Garrison, Craig Good, Grant Beatty, Matt Kelley, Boyd Coolman, Tom Brewer, Jay Smith, Brian Shepard, Bart Albright. (second row): Terry Doyle, Tom Strauss, David Shaw, Brig Dellinger, Gary Hensley, Danny Osborn, David Shaffer, David Boyce, Randy Miller. (back row): Coach Bearman, John Poling, Eric Hobson, Brian Bowman, John Kurtz, Randy Miller, Keith Passwater, Mike Dwyer, Coach Glen Gerke, Del Roth, Asst. Coach



**7th GRADE FOOTBALL.** (front row): Mgr. Doug Shaffer, Doug Lake, Rich Ehlers, Brad Fredricks, Jim Baldwin, Steve Lengacher, Brad Menshey, Scott Novak, Max Moor. (second row): Pat Hoar, Todd Ritchey, Todd Bennett, Brad Coolman, Shannon Roberts, Jess Zink, Chris Carcione. (back row): Coach Ron Crosby, Jim Antil, David Galbraith, Brian Koepke, Daryl McConnell, Jeff Kimbel, Tony Hampton, Ted Hewitt, Terry Crooks, Wally Miazga, Ken Koons, Asst. Coach Glen Gerke.





-Cindy Beck

**Eighth grader Terry Doyle** attempts to get open for a pass in the 36-14 rout over Churubusco.

**Defeat is recorded** on the faces of these seventh grade players as they leave the field following their 0-30 loss to Churubusco.

#### Ninth Grade Football 1 Won 6 Lost

Leo	0-30	New Haven
Leo	14-20	Churubusco
Leo	0-7	Woodlan
Leo	12-0	Angola
Leo	0-40	Carroll
Leo	6-8	Heritage
Leo	6-28	Adams Central



**Mr. Bob Walton** has completed his fourth year as 9th grade coach.

#### Eighth Grade Football 4 Won 2 Lost

Leo	14-6	Huntertown
Leo	7-13	Heritage
Leo	14-0	Garrett
Leo	36-14	Churubusco
Leo	16-6	Woodlan
Leo	8-20	Holy Cross



Completing his third year is 8th grade coach, **Mr. Mike Bearman**.

#### Seventh Grade Football 0 Won 5 Lost

Leo	6-14	Huntertown
Leo	0-8	Heritage
Leo	0-7	Garrett
Leo	0-30	Churubusco
Leo	0-8	Woodlan



This was **Mr. Ron Crosby's** fourth season leading the 7th graders.



# Setting Up Wins

The season was like an instant replay for the girls' varsity team. They recaptured their Sectional title by scoring a victory over Hamilton, Garrett, and East Noble. Advancing to Regionals, the team was defeated in the final game by Dwenger.

A highlight of the year other than the Sectional title was beating North Side. The Redskins were heralded as the team to beat in the city, and when the Lions handed them a defeat, it was like a shot in the arm. Senior Tonya Burns was named to the All-Conference team, with Dawn Miller and Carla Ridderheim receiving honorable mentions. Leo had two girls selected for

the All-Sectional first team: Dawn Miller and Tonya Burns. The second team included three players from Leo: Carla Ridderheim, Dawn Klaehn, and Leigh Delagrang.

The girls' reserve team had a trying season. Their overall season was 4-7. Miss Junk, a student teacher for Miss Baumgartner, took over the reserve coaching position. The Leo reserves did come through and win the ACAC Tournament, however. This was the second consecutive season in which the girls had won.

State champs! This is every team's dream at the start of their season. This dream came true for the 1980-81 re-

serve boys' volleyball team. The team had an outstanding season, with a 5-0 record and the team's first state championship.

The varsity team defeated the eventual conference champs, Harding, in pre-season play. Although the team was quite young and inexperienced, Mr. Stuckey contemplated the situation with a gleam in his eye. "We have a lot to look forward to," he informed. Special honors went to Kayle Watson, who was elected to the All-Conference team, and Trace Roth, who was voted Most Valuable Player.

-Susie Robbins  
-Photo by Cindy Beck

**BOYS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**  
7-9-1 Overall

**BOYS' RESERVE VOLLEYBALL**  
ACAC Tourney Champions  
State Champions



**Miss Mary Baumgartner** has completed her 11th year as varsity coach of volleyball.

**GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**  
20-6 Overall  
Sectional Champions

**GIRLS' RESERVE VOLLEYBALL**  
4-7 Overall  
ACAC Tourney Champions



**Mr. Phil Stuckey** has completed his 11th year as varsity and reserve coach of volleyball.

At the sectional tourney, senior Meme Gee (#18) congratulates Junior Leigh Delagrang and senior Carla Ridderheim (#21) after the Lions' victory over Garrett.





**VARSITY BOYS' VOLLEYBALL.** (front row): Chris Gibson, Tim Smead, Brian Yost, Chad Watson, Pete Roth, Trace Roth, Marty Heller. (second row): Rod Cole, Doug Dilley, Ray Pulver, Kayle Watson, Ed Yoder, Tom Wehner, Jeff Miller, Coach Phil Stuckey.



**RESERVE BOYS' VOLLEYBALL.** (front row): Chris Gibson, Pete Roth, Darin Roth, William Schwartz. (second row): Marty Heller, Tom Herendeen, Chad Watson, Scott Miller, Coach Phil Stuckey.



**VARSITY GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL.** (front row): Janna Schlatter, Amy Yoder, Leigh Delagrang, Dawn Miller. (second row): Coach Wimp Baumgartner, Dawn Klaehn, Tonya Burns, Lisa Antil, Carla Ridderheim, Cheryl Dahlkamp, Meme Gee.



**RESERVE GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL.** (front row): Mgr. Ramona Eastes, Cindy Dahlkamp, Susie Haines, Sheryl Feathers, Nora Cook, Carol Meinerding. (second row): Miss Rosie Junk, Marlene Delagrang, Lisa Hadley, Beth Liechty, Susie Robbins, Cindy Hill, Shelley Craig, Coach Wimp Baumgartner.





# 1st For Eighth

The 8th grade boys basketball team, led by Most Valuable Player Robbie Pulver, had a "superb" season, according to Coach Crosby. The 8th graders finished the season with only two losses. One of these came in the championship game of the ACAC Tournament when Woodlan beat Leo by 5 in overtime. The Lions, though, did win the conference championship by remaining undefeated in conference play for the season.

**8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL.** (front row): Randall Miller, Dan Osborn, Tom Brewer, Boyd Coolman, Randy Miller, Matt Kelly, Keith Passwater. (second row): Wade Oliver, David Boyce, Brian Bauman, Rob Pulver, Mark Handerson, Chris Lowden, Coach Ron Crosby. (back row): Keith Martin, Terry Doyle, Dale Roth, Bruce Beerbower, Eric Hobson, Don Bender, Grant Beatty.

On the other side of the coin, the 7th grade boys' and the 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams could not live up to the 8th grade boys' reputation, but even though, the season was a worthwhile one. Much experience was gained and many valuable improvements were made throughout the entire season.

The seventh and eighth graders were also well represented by the Junior High Girls' Volleyball team. Both

the varsity and reserve squads finished the season with positive records: varsity-5 wins, 4 losses; reserve-5 wins, 2 losses. Coach Lebzelter stated, "Overall the season was very good. The team members learned the meaning of teamwork and began to experience some training involved for high school play."

-Matt Grieger o



**7TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL.** (front row): Brad Frederick, Doug Lake, Brad Coolman, Scott Novak, Kraig Brown, Floyd Bienz. (second row): Rick Ehlers, Daryl McConnell, Jeff Kimbel, Tony Hampton, David Galbraith. (back row): Jess Zink, Chris Carcione, Coach Mike Bearman, Brian Koepke, Shannon Roberts, Doug Shaffer.



**JR. HIGH GIRLS VOLLEYBALL.** (front row): Mgr., Kim Delagrange, Denise Galuoppo, Leslie Yoder, Mindy Christman, Andrea Zych, Penny Perkins, Patty Roy, Tina Gee, Amy Williams, Sharon Handlin, Mgr. Cheryl Clark. (second row): Shelly Miller, Nancy Wyman, Reann Panchev, Angie Kidd, Amy Grayless, JoAnn Cavanaugh, Ann Ritter, Megan Prough, Kim Stuckey, Julie Hosier, Katie Ridderheim, Kelly Neuhouser, Coach Ruth Lebzelter.





-Cindy Beck



8th GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL  
11-2 Overall

7th GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL  
1-11 Overall

VARSITY JR. HIGH GIRLS'  
VOLLEYBALL  
5-4 Overall

RESERVE JR. HIGH GIRLS'  
VOLLEYBALL  
5-2 Overall

8th GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL  
2-7 Overall

7th GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL  
2-5 Overall

In a pep session preceding ACAC Tourney, the seventh grade basketball players receive a taste of high school life as they are blindfolded in anticipation of identifying their secret admirers.



**8th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL.** (front row): Patty Roy, Mindy Christman, Cheryl Clark, Leslie Yoder, Holly Redmon, Tina Gee. (second row): Mgr. Kim Delagrange, Tina Grayless, Michelle Delagrange, Bobbi Clay, Amy Williams, Krista Bufe, Mgr. Bonnie Moffett.



**7th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL.** (front row): Shelly Miller, Marie Fogle, Angie Vendrely, Lori Eubank, Julie Hosier, Reann Panchev, Shelly Barker. (second row): Tammy Witt, Ann Huguenard, Ann Ritter, Megan Prough, Lori Robertson, Angie Vendrely, Mgr. Kris Martin.



# Netting Victories

With only two lettermen returning, the Varsity Basketball team progressed through the year utilizing the talent of many younger players. Besides the two lettermen, guard Pat Vendrely and All-Conference center Kayle Watson, the varsity team started three sophomores: Ed Yoder, Scott Carey, and Chris Gibson. These three sophomores, with no previous varsity experience, played with the poise and character of seniors. The team hit the

high point of their season by defeating eventual Regional finalist Concordia early in the year. Another bright spot was the performance of junior forward Ray Pulver, whose 31 points ignited the Lions to an easy win over Hamilton.

On the reserve level the Lions' 13-7 win-loss record typified a regular winning season. The Lions, in addition to their good record, won the Woodlan four-way Tourney. The improvement

of the members of the reserve team makes the varsity teams for the future something to be reckoned with.

Led by the top three scorers: Brian Blake, Phil Neuhouser, and Tom Herendeen, the 9th grade team finished the season with 5 wins and 7 losses. This was quite an improvement over their 8th grade performance.

-Rod Sinn

## BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL Won 8 Lost 13

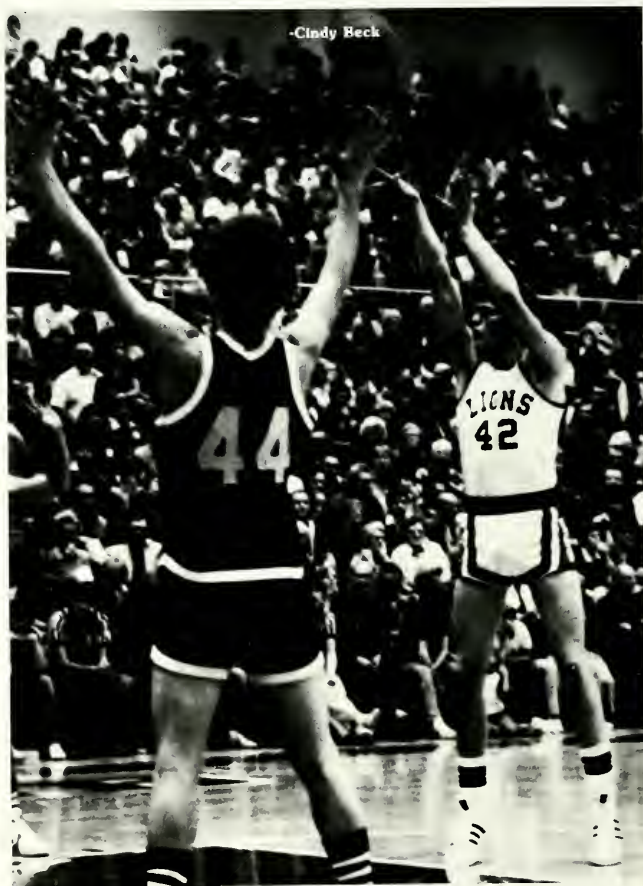
Leo	59-73	Dwenger
Leo	69-51	Eastside
Leo	63-47	Prairie Heights
Leo	45-73	Norwell
Leo	49-61	Angola
Leo	51-60	Woodlan
Leo	72-65	Hamilton
Leo	65-63	Concordia
Leo	56-49	Churubusco
Leo	50-53	Adams Central
Leo	55-68	DeKalb
Leo	41-55	Carroll
Leo	46-35	Adams Central
Leo	44-55	Woodlan
Leo	39-37	Central Noble
Leo	41-40	Heritage
Leo	36-54	Garrett
Leo	57-61	New Haven
Leo	35-80	Homestead
Leo	49-55	Southern Wells
Leo	52-61	Garrett

## BOYS' RESERVE BASKETBALL 13-7 Overall 9th GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL 5-7 Overall



**Coach Richard Butt** has been coaching varsity basketball for 8 seasons.

All-Conference center Kayle Watson shoots a crucial free throw in the sectional game against Garrett at DeKalb.





**-Randy Clevon**

**Sophomore Ed Yoder** drives around his opponent in an attempt to score in the Woodlan game. Leo eventually lost the game by nine points.

**The Leo bench**, full of hope, later watched in despair as the Lions fell to the Railroaders at Sectionals by a score of 52-61.

**-Cindy Beck**



**BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL.** (front row): Chris Gibson, Tim Smead, Matt Meinering, Ron Delagrang, Jeff Wright, Pete Roth. (second row): Pat Vendrely, Doug Dille, Ray Pulver, Chad Watson, Kayle Watson, Ed Yoder, Scott Carey, Jeff Miller.



**BOYS' RESERVE BASKETBALL.** (front row): Pete Roth, Marty Heller, Greg Bauman, Mike Smith, Jeff Wright, Jeff Walters. (second row): Todd Fuzy, Matt Meinering, Jeff Loser, Kraig Roth, Chad Watson, Doug Dille, Jeff Miller, Jim Burns, Mgr. Kim Martin.



**BOYS' NINTH GRADE BASKETBALL.** (front row) Mgr. Mark Coppock, Dale Gerke, Mark Smith, Kerry Clay, David Cartwright. (second row): Larry Dwinell, Dale Roth, Phil Neuhaus, Tim Stoller, Tom Herendeen, Brian Blake.



# #4 Ranked Then Up 507

Champions! That might be one word used to describe the Girls' Varsity Basketball team. The Lady Lions' first and major accomplishment was becoming conference champs for the second year in a row. The team's next success came when they conquered their season goal, which consisted of winning the ACAC Tourney. The Lady Lions were victorious in defeating the defending tourney champs, Heritage, 40-38. The Lions proceeded through the season and went into sectionals with a 17-1 record. As it turned out, sectionals was to be a terrible disappointment for the Lions, who had

high hopes. The team, which was rated fourth in state entering sectionals, met DeKalb in the first game and suffered a devastating loss. The Lady Lions' season came to an end, but several of the team's players received outstanding awards for their accomplishments and hard work. One major award was given to Junior Dawn Craig, who was chosen as the ACAC Tourney's Most Valuable Player. The Lions had three players who made All-Conference: Dawn Craig, Leigh Delagrang, and Tonya Burns. Leigh Delagrang and Tonya Burns were also se-

lected for the All-Area team. In addition, Burns was chosen from thirty-five girls to play on the Indiana-Kentucky All-Star team.

Outstanding performances were also given by the Reserve Girls' Basketball team. The girls won their ACAC tourney by defeating Heritage, making them the respected champions. The team ended their season with an 18-5 record. Because of the determination and hard work of these girls, Leo holds a promising future in the area of girls' basketball.

-Pam Working o

## GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL Won 17 Lost 2

Leo	55-33	New Haven
Leo	97-15	Eastside
Leo	42-40	Northside
Leo	43-31	Southern Wells
Leo	47-46	Dwenger
Leo	45-42	Heritage
Leo	46-31	Norwell
Leo	51-36	Garrett
Leo	71-24	Woodlan
Leo	56-50	DeKalb
Leo	59-28	Churubusco
Leo	54-24	Adams Central
Leo	49-30	Carroll
Leo	56-21	Adams Central
Leo	45-16	Woodlan
Leo	40-38	Heritage
Leo	49-56	Northrop
Leo	64-34	Southside
Leo	32-37	DeKalb

ACAC Tourney Champs  
ACAC Conference Champs

## RESERVE GIRLS' BASKETBALL 12-5 Overall ACAC Tourney Champs

**Coach Mike Hey** has ended his second year as head coach of girls' basketball.

**Top rebounders Tonya Burns** and Dawn Craig make certain that their opponents have no opportunity to gain possession of the ball.

-Scott Hattery



The team listens intently to Coach Hey's advice during a time out in the final home game of the season against South Side.

High assister Leigh Delagrange continues to play aggressively, despite her team's devastating 46-9 half-time margin over Woodlan.

-Cindy Beck

-Dave Dilley



**GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL.** (front row): Stat. Cindy Beck, Cheryl Dahlkamp, Leigh Delagrange, Coach Mike Hey, Lisa Hadley, Beth Liechty, Mgr. Tammie Roberts. (second row): Stat. Mary Glass, Susie Robbins, Dawn Craig, Tonya Burns, Lisa Antil, Pam Working, Meme Gee, Mgr. Connie Anderson.



**RESERVE GIRLS' BASKETBALL.** (front row): Mgr. Rhonda Kiefer, Nora Cook, Cindy Dahlkamp, Angie Kurtz, Tina Donat, Kim Bennett, Cindy Morris. (second row): Stat. Ramona Easten, Beth Liechty, Lisa Hadley, Susie Robbins, Lisa Antil, Lori Caswell, Shelley Craig, Coach Jeannie Little, Mgr. Leslye Bufe.



# Displaying School Spirit

The crown screamed with excitement as the cheerleaders chanted, "Thanks for putting it through, you scored us two."

The **Varsity and Reserve Cheerleaders** attended camps to learn different jumps, cheers, and motions. These girls also planned big events for Homecoming and Section-

als. One such event included preparing breakfast for the boys' basketball team.

Helping the Varsity Cheerleaders were the **Base Cheerleaders**.

These boys volunteered to help the Varsity Cheerleaders in pyramids and were bases for some of the cheers. Senior Base Cheerleader Tony Hechler declared, "Being

out there for the games was really an exciting experience."

Cheering for the Jr. High teams were the **Jr. High Cheerleaders**.

These girls also put in many long hours of hard work to perfect their routines and cheers. Cheerleader Beth Witte quoted, "Cheerleading was a lot of fun, but a lot of work. It

meant coordinating moves perfectly."

Firing up the Varsity Girls' Basketball team were the **Boy Cheerleaders**. These boys thought of chants to get the girls fired up, and built pyramids during time outs. These boys kept the spirit roaring at the girls' games.



**BOY CHEERLEADERS.** (front row): Chris Wittwer, Jeff Clark, Trace Roth. (middle): Matt Grieger. (top): David Baumgartner.

**Displaying their support,** Lori Yoder, Lauri Swartz, and Linda Crabill bring out the spirit of the crowd.



**CHEERLEADERS.** (bottom row): Tim Doyle, Trace Roth, Tony Hechler, Ron Bienz, Andy

Overmyer. (top row): Lauri Swartz, Karen Herendeen, Linda Crabill, Lori Yoder, Erin Doyle.



**JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS.** (front row): Lisa Witt (second row): Debbie Shoit, Amy Rich-

ards, Lisa Swartz. (top row): Lisa Land, Tracy Busch.



**RESERVE CHEERLEADERS.** (top row): Ann Shaw. (second row): Patti Chapman, Darlene

Delagrange. (bottom row): Charise Delagrange, Cindy Miazga.



**FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS.** (top row): Chris Stucky. (second row): Jodi

Bushe, Lisa Witt, (bottom row): Trisha Liechty.



# Pins Earn Indy Trip

"Leo, Belmont Have Great Day" is what the News-Sentinel read after the IHSAA Regional Wrestling Tournament at Snider. The wrestling team shook Leo history by bringing home two Regional champions: Matt "Rat" Grieger at 155 pounds and heavyweight Mark Neuhouser, who pinned his opponent in the finals. The team placed seventh of twenty, surprising some schools who thought Leo obscure.

With a team record of three wins and seven losses, the wrestling squad was not expected to do much. What was expected and what happened were two different things. Twenty-one records were set, including the fastest pin by Ken Osborn in eight seconds. The future of the team may have looked hopeless at times as injuries and setbacks took their tolls, but with much determination, the wrestlers kept each other going throughout the worst of times.

ACAC Tourney was the turning point for the team as Leo claimed three champions: Andy Overmyer, Matt Grieger, and Mark Neuhouser,

with his second All-Conference title. This was the first time Leo had three individual champions. Sectional followed, and the same three made it through to the Regional meet. There the Lions got revenge on South Side, New Haven, and Woodlan, teams who had beaten them in the Sectionals.

One goal Coach Kerbel had set for the season was to go to Market Square Arena for the state finals, not as a spectator, but as a coach. 155-pounder Matt Grieger fulfilled the goal as he placed second in Semi-State, qualifying him for State while also giving him his first upset in a 26-0 season. Matt was defeated in his first state round in overtime, 3-1 by Highland wrestler Benny Puntillo. Although Matt was Leo's only wrestler in the state competition, the entire team practiced an extra three weeks, and supported him at state.

Maybe for the News-Sentinel, Regionals was a great day for Leo, but for the wrestlers, the whole season was well worth it.

-Matt Grieger o

## VARSITY WRESTLING 3 Won 7 Lost

Leo	25-44	Eastside
Leo	24-48	Carroll
Leo	39-25	Angola
Leo	27-39	Garrett
Leo	36-30	Heritage
Leo	18-54	Adams Central
Leo	44-27	Churubusco
Leo	15-55	Woodlan
Leo	15-54	DeKalb
Leo	23-40	Norwell

IHSAA Sectionals: 5th of 6 teams  
Two Winners, One 2nd  
IHSAA Regionals: 7th of 20 teams  
Two Winners  
IHSAA Semi-State: 17th of 42 teams  
One 2nd  
IHSAA State  
One Qualifier

**Mr. Bill Kerbel and Mr. Ron Dubach** have both coached wrestling since it came to Leo six years ago.



**MAT MAIDS.** (front row): Mr. Bill Kerbel, Barb Albright, Patty Wittwer. (second row): Lee Henderson, Julie Wisler. (third row): Michelle De-la-grange, Jodi Busche, Nancy Pfister, Susan Huguénard, Angie Kurtz, Deneen DeWitt. (back row): Dawn Miller, pres.; Bill Pocock, vice-pres.; Kris Steury, Theresa Kurtz, sec-treas.



**For wrestlers,** intense practices were daily happenings from early November to mid-February. Here, Al Stovall prepares for a practice match.

**Senior Matt Grieger**, Leo's first state wrestler, receives some pointers before starting the overtime round in his first round in state competi-

tion. Despite his personal effort and help from Coaches Kerbel and Dubach, Matt lost by a heart breaking two points.



**VARSITY WRESTLING.** (front row): Mgr. Myron Weber, Rod Sinn, Doug Fouts, Gary Fisher, Al Stovall, Mark Chaney, Tom Overmyer, Mgr. Scott Boxberger. (second row): Mgr. Tony Hechler, Mark Toarmina, Frank Albright,

Ken Osborn, Rick Mowan, Doyle Steury, Mgr. Dave Dille. (back row): Asst. Coach Ron Dubach, Jeff Handlin, Jim Collins, Matt Grieger, Mark Neuhouser, Rod Gaul, Andy Overmyer, Coach Bill Kerbel.

**Junior heavyweight Mark Neuhouser** accepts his second consecutive Sectional championship ribbon at New Haven. Mark holds nine team records, including most pins in a season.



## FEATURE

**Benched** by a player's most fearful opponent, injury, Tonya Burns continues to perform well in school on the day of Sectionals, which was not an easy task since disappointments and "What if"s filled her thoughts.

**Ray Pulver** ices down a knee injury he received in basketball practice that afternoon. Basketball, wrestling, and football, all contact sports, have the highest injury rates at Len.



-Dave Dilley



-Cindy Beck

## Striking down without warning, indiscriminately

Story by  
Cindy Beck

# INJURY: the most elusive foe

"Ouch!", a word that strikes fear in the heart of every coach, was said far too often by Leo athletes. Injury after injury came without mercy to several teams, with winter sports hit hardest.

One winter sport, wrestling, topped the others by far in the variety and quantity of its injuries. No matter what part of the body it affected, each injury did have a direct result on both individual and team. Doyle Steury's thumb injury, though it involved such a small area, was enough to keep him from wrestling for the rest of the season. An ankle injury halted Andy Overmyer's uninterrupted pinning streak of ten pins.

Not all injuries happened in competition, however. Andy's ankle had healed by Regional time, but after he lost in the final match he

joined the ranks of the wounded once more. Using a brick wall and his bare fists to vent his frustration, Andy pounded his way to a broken hand.

Players didn't hold the only claim to injuries. Coach Kerbel, while wrestling Mark Neuhouser in practice, re-

"The worst part of being injured was not being able to help my team out when it was losing."  
-Tonya Burns

ceived a knee injury severe enough to require surgery.

One of the most painful things about injuries of any kind is the mental anguish suffered as a result. Being injured means sitting at the sidelines, a difficult task for active athletes. Tonya Burns, who sprained both ankles in

practice the night before Sectionals, found sitting the bench harder to bear than the physical aches. Although he was sidelined with a knee injury, Tim Smead still yelled instructions to his teammates at ACAC.

Although team members missed the contributions of their injured teammates, they found that they became stronger to compensate for the losses. So, though injuries caused a lot of pain, they brought some gain.



Ankle taping is a normal part of any coach's job. By taping Beth Liechty's ankles, Jeanie Little helps her prevent injuries there.  
Photo by David Dilley





# Fifth ACAC Title

The gymnastics team had much to prove to itself and its loyal fans. The team's four previous Consecutive ACAC championships prompted great expectations from its members.

Another ACAC championship for the gymnasts may have looked unreachable at times. Lack of experience and an early defeat by ACAC contender Norwell seemed to set the odds against them. The girls, however, did not let these setbacks dissuade them from trying for another ACAC title. Lori Yoder led the team during the conference meet and won the overall title with a 30.00 score, one-hundredth of a point ahead of the second place finisher. In spite of earlier upsets, the Lions completed their goal and won their fifth consecutive ACAC championship.

Several of the girls were recognized at the end of the year for their excel-

lent performances. MVP Lori Yoder was named to the All-Conference team while Patty Chapman and Renee Butt received honorable mentions. Renee Butt also earned the Best Mental Attitude award. Most Improved Gymnasts were Patty Chapman and Lauri Swartz. The team's only senior, Joyce Beerbower, received a special plaque in honor of her dedication. Coach Manger summed up the season by saying, "It was a good year, considering we had no one returning from last year's state runner-up team. The girls worked very hard, had great attitudes, and were very dedicated to keeping the tradition of a fine gymnastics program at Leo."

The Jr. High gymnastics team also had a remarkable season. They finished with a perfect 7-0 record and ACAC Conference Championship.

-Matt Grieger

**GYMNASTICS**  
Optional  
8-0 overall  
ACAC champs  
Intermediate  
12-2 overall  
ACAC champs

Mrs. Julie Manger has completed her 3rd year as Gymnastics coach.



**JUNIOR HIGH GYMNASTICS.** (front row): Coach Phyllis Doyle, Mgr. Julie Hosier, Janice Glenn, Suzanne Hohl, Pam Alwine, Kris Martin, Diane Kurtz; (second row): Paula Smith, Melissa Schimmoller, Lisa Swartz, Aimee Richards, Lisa Land, Deb Short, Beth Witte, Pam Kurtz.



**VARSITY GYMNASTICS.** (front row): Joyce Beerbower, Lori Yoder, Jenny Wright, Renee Butt, Erin Doyle, Kim Douglas; (second row): Coach Julie Manger, Louisa Galuoppo, Kris Steury, Cindy Doctor, Susan Scudder, Missy Alwine, Melissa Medcalf, Mgr. Sandy Scudder; (back row): Mgr. Maureen Doyle, Darlene Delagrang, Tracey Miller, Lauri Swartz, Jill Linne-meier, Patty Chapman, Marlene Delagrang, Mgr. Chris Grabowski, Not Pictured: Assistant Coach Beth Christman.





**Sophomore Lori Yoder** shows her winning form on the beam which gave her the overall ACAC 1st place.

**Finishing up her floor routine,** sophomore Patty Chapman gives her final pose.



**While Junior Erin Doyle** watches a bar routine, her teammates discuss the team's performance.





# Slowly Improving

The Girls' Golf Team did not win any titles this fall, but finished the season with a 4-3 record, the best yet in the sport's three year history. Dawn Craig was awarded the trophy for Low Match Average as she consistently played in first position. Head Coach Carolyn Platt said of her team, "We had the most successful year yet. Every player worked hard to improve her game during the season. The results of their dedication showed in the season's results."

In the spring, Mrs. Platt took over as coach for the Boys' Golf Team for the first time. The team was a young one, with only one senior returning eligible for play. However, that senior,

Scott Wyman, provided the most memorable play of the season. While playing the par-three 13th hole at Foster Park, Scott scored a hole-in-one. The shot had to be counted as his third, however, since he had hit his tee shot out of bounds.

The season was tough, with 7 losses and 5 wins, some of them surprising. One loss, to Churubusco, was especially difficult. In that match, the 4-man totals were even, 174-174, but 'Busco won by having the lowest 5th-man score. In tourney play, Leo placed 2nd in both the EACS and the ACAC. Sophomore Pete Roth ended the season with the award for the Low Match Average with a 40.1.

The Girls' Tennis Team also featured a young crew, with five sophomores playing varsity. The team had only 1 win, against Adams Central, and 9 losses during regular season play. However, both doubles teams of Dawn Miller/Leigh Delagrange and Marcy Dwinell/Leslye Bufe had winning seasons.

Coach Manger also had reason to be pleased with season end play, as her girls finished 4th out of 15 teams at sectionals. Leigh and Dawn finished 3rd in doubles competition.

-Matt Grieger o

## GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS



Overall  
1-9  
Sectionals  
4th of 15 teams

**Mrs. Julie Manger** has completed her third year as tennis coach.

## GIRLS' GOLF

Overall: 4-3

## BOYS' GOLF

Overall: 5-7  
EACS Tourney: 2nd  
ACAC Tourney: 2nd  
Sectionals: 11th



**Mrs. Carolyn Platt** has coached girls' golf for 3 years, boys' for 1 year.

**1st singles player** Dawn Miller shows the excellent serving form which won her many matches during the season.

-Kris Steury





**GIRLS' VARSITY GOLF.** (front row): Elaine Arnett, Beth Bridges, (back row): Marla Yoder, Susan Scudder, Megan Iemma, Dawn Craig, Coach Carolyn Platt.



**BOYS' VARSITY GOLF.** (front row): Mark Moore, Ben Funnell, Pete Roth, Al Stovall, Brian Yost, Jeff Walters. (back row): Coach Carolyn Platt, Todd Fuzzy, Rod Cole, Chad Watson, Craig Waldrop, Scott Wyman, Larry Dwinell.



**GIRLS' VARSITY TENNIS.** (front row): Leslye Bufe, Lee Henderson, Julie Hechler, Marcy Dwinell, Andrea Stuckey, Dawn Craig, Dawn Miller, Leigh Delagrang, Jane Stout. (back row): Coach Julie Manger, Missy Alwine, Sheri Wasson, Cindy Morris, Bobbie Klea, Shelly Craig, Carmen Reschly, Jodi Busche, Michelle Yoder, Jean Saturday, mgr. Tammy Liechty.



**Golfers Al Stovall, Ben Funnell, Mark Moore and Brian Yost watch with Adm. Asst. Hal Platt as fellow team members warm up.**



Story by  
Cindy Beck  
Art by  
Chris Wittwer

**Interscholastic sportsmen get lots of glory, but the outside-of-school athlete is truly**

## THE COMPLETE JOCK

### P-S-S-T!

Hey, you, in the letter jacket! Betcha think the only jocks are involved in school sports.

Betcha you're wrong!  
Prove it? OK.

There are plenty of students involved in non-school recreation.

Name one? There's ...

“One of the things that I like most about motocross is that it lets me beat guys who are bigger than I am. That gives me a good feeling!”

-Robbie Roberts

**Motocross.** Robbie Roberts and Scott Harris became interested in motocross through the biking magazines. Their interest paid off. Scott and Robbie are rated 13th and 14th respectively in state competition. The two are good enough to have caught the attention of a local auto parts

store, which sponsors them. The boys practice biking at least four hours a day and need special suits, bikes, and helmets to race. To compete, Scott and Robbie have traveled as far away as Vincennes, Indiana.

Still skeptical?

Well, Doug Lovett is another sportsman. He finds recreation out of school through fishing and trapping. Doug traps for mink, fox, muskrat, and 'coon, and he fishes for whatever is in the St. Joe River. When the weather's good, Doug and his friend head down to the river to fish or check the traps. For Doug, the time spent outdoors is relaxing and restful.

Guys aren't the only ones who participate in sports outside of school. Patty Souder is one girl who became intrigued with a sport her sister had taken a course in at college. The sport is

horseback riding, or equitation. Although Patty does not have her own horses, she gets plenty of riding in at a local stable. She participates in shows, where the stable owners let her use their horses. Patty has done jumping and showmanship in various shows. For

“Riding horses gives me the feeling that the horse and I are partners. I like the personal contact with the horse.”

-Patty Souder

her efforts, she has won dozens of ribbons.

Impressed? You should be. Although they don't get much recognition in school, there are many more students who have hidden sports talents.





# Flying High

Every team's dream is to become #1, but 2nd place is just as satisfying sometimes. It was that way for the Boys' Track Team. With powerhouse Norwell in Leo's conference, our team found it quite difficult to stop the Knights from capturing another ACAC championship. Oversized by the AA school, the Lions had to settle for 2nd place. This, though, was quite an accomplishment for the team as it had been a good many years since Leo had placed that high in the ACAC. Sophomore Doug Dilley highlighted the conference meet by winning both the high jump and the long jump. He was the only Lion named to the All-ACAC team.

The Lions were beaten only once in the regular season's conference meets and won the team championship (111 points) at the Woodlan Relays by edging out both Homestead (96) and Concordia (85). Finishing the season with an overall record of 8-3, the track team had many records broken. The 400m relay team of Matt Augustyniak, Dave Dilley, Tim Doyle, and Dave Cartwright broke their previous year's record with a new time of 44.6 seconds. Doug Dilley broke his record in the high jump at 6'5¾".

Sectional time proved especially trying as thunderstorms caused a postponement. The next night, Friday, was set as raindate, but it was also the 3rd

night of the spring play. A sell-out crowd was expected, but worse, 4 cast members, including head male vocalist, Tim Doyle, had qualified for sectional action. After much juggling, all the events except one were run, and the play started late that evening. The runners did well against the powerful city teams, and gained more points than expected.

Selected co-captains for the year were: Matt Augustyniak, Matt Grieger, and Tony Hechler. Senior David Dilley was awarded the MVP, and named Most Improved was sophomore Jeff Loser.

-Matt Grieger ○

## VARSITY BOYS' TRACK

Overall 8-3  
Second place in ACAC  
Sectional Qualifiers



Mr. Bob Walton has been coaching the track team for the past 17 years.

Up and over flies freshman pole vaulter Dale Gerke as he clears the bar.

Clowning for the photographer, the 400m relay team celebrates its win and record-breaking time at the Carroll relays. Displaying their awards are seniors David Dilley, Tim Doyle, Matt Augustyniak and freshman Dave Cartwright.



-Jeff Handlin



-Doug Dilley



-Photos by David Dilley

**Another record falls** as ACAC champion Doug Dilley sails over the high jump bar at 6 feet 5½ inches for a 1st place at the Heritage Relays track meet.

**Senior Dave Hosier** sets the pace in the 3200 meter run during a triangular meet against Adams Central and Woodlan.



**BOYS' VARSITY TRACK.** (front row): Mike Thomas, Scott Carey, Matt Grieger, Tim Doyle, Dave Dilley, Matt Augustyniak, Dave Hosier, Tony Hechler. (second row): Dave Meyers, Jeff Wright, Duane Guingrich, Mark Neuhauser, Bill Rayl, Ken Osborn, Jason Bufe, Jay Alwine. (third row): John Holderman, Doug Dilley, Mike Smith, Marty Heller, Rod Gaul, Jeff Loser, Jeff Smead, Terry Hill. (fourth row): Greg McCrory, Gary Fisher, Darin Roth, Brian Blake, Mark Smith, David Cartwright, Dale Gerke, Doug Fouts. (back row): Asst. Coach Tom Steinhauer, Mark Coppock, Tom Herendeen, Phil Neuhauser, Mark Lowden, Andy Carcione, Mike Peters, Coach Bob Walton.



# Girls Qualify Eleven

The Varsity Girls' Track Team was full of new beginnings and many surprises. When the new season started in February, many new faces were seen. Besides the fourteen new faces on the team, there were two new coaches as well. Mr. Mike Bearman had coached the junior high boys last year, but was unsure how to approach the female side of the sport. With Mrs. Ann Linson's help as assistant, however, he managed quite well.

The many weeks of conditioning and hard work paid off as the team won its first meet against Adams Central and Southern Wells. The girls then ran against some very tough city

schools which brought their morale down a little. But they came back and reached their peak for the conference meet, capturing fourth place there. The season ended with 5 wins and 9 losses for the girls, but they had qualified for sectionals and had broken two school records in the process. Tina Donat ran the hurdles in 16.4 seconds, .1 faster than the previous time, while Lisa Hadley picked up 2" with her shot put. Her new record stands at 33'1".

Leo was also well represented at the Fort Wayne Track Sectional. The team had qualified 11 girls in all, but conflicts and injury prevented four of

them from competing that night. Louisa Galuoppo, a sophomore, qualified in three events: the 100 meter dash, the 200 meter dash, and the 400 meter relay race. Her times for the first two, 12.5 and 26.7 seconds, respectively, earned her a berth in the Top 10 girls in the area for those events.

At the awards banquet, the Most Improved Award went to Nora Cook who qualified for sectionals but later sprained her ankle and was unable to compete. MVP went to Rita Kaiser, who along with Marla Yoder, were the only two seniors on the team.

-Rita Kaiser •

## GIRLS' VARSITY TRACK

Overall  
Won 5 Lost 9  
ACAC Conference Meet-4th place  
11 Sectional Qualifiers



Mr. Mike Bearman coached the high school girls track for the first time this year.

Off and running with the baton, Tina Donat takes over from Darlene Delagrange in the relay against Angola. Leo's girls won 60.45.

No pre-meet tensions are visible here as the personable Coach Bearman jokes with Rita Kaiser and her friends at the "repair station."

-Photos by Michelle Yoder





-Jim McKinley

**Sophomore Louisa Galuoppo** crosses the finish line well ahead of her opponents from DeKalb and Homestead. Leo came in second for the meet, however, finishing 65, 43, 26 respectively with the other teams.

**MVP Rita Kaiser** hands off to Carol Meinerding as they compete in the 800m relay race.



-Michelle Yoder



**GIRLS' VARSITY TRACK.** (front row): Karen Heine, Jackie Liggett, Chris Lovett, Tina Donat, Angie Kurtz, Megan Iemma, Lisa Hadley, Tricia Liechty. (second row): Susan Heare, Carol Meinerding, Ann Shaw, Rita Kaiser, Marla Yoder, Louisa Galuoppo, mgr. Mary Ann Glass. (third row): Gretchen Strasser, Laurie Foutz, Kim Bennett, Deana Zimmerman, Cindy Doctor, Darlene Delagrang, Nora Cook, Sheryl Feathers. (back row): Coach Mike Bearman, Cindy Hill, Lisa Antil, Mishelle Vlot, Lauri Swartz, Renee Bienz, Asst. Coach Ann Linson.



# Requirements Change

Activities of the Letterwinners Club included a winter, fall, and spring banquet in which the athletes received awards and recognition. A new activity of the group included sell-

ing raffle tickets to help raise money for the athletic department.

The club voted to change its requirements for receiving a jacket. The

club changed the rule from needing three letters to receive a jacket to needing two letters and being a sophomore to receive a jacket.



**LETTERWINNERS.** (front row): Marla Yoder, Joyce Beerbower, Cindy Beck, Kayle Watson, Darlene Delagrange, Trace Roth, Marlene Delagrange, Pat Vendrely, Jane Stout, Matt Grieger, Matt Augustyniak, Tom Overmyer, Mark Neuhauser, Tonya Burns, Jon Yoder, Scott Carey, Dave Dilley. (second row): Tim Doyle, David Meyers, Jeff Wright, Ed Yoder, Matt Meinerting, Leigh Delagrange, Pam Working, Erin Doyle, Pat Miller, Lori Yoder, Mary Glass, Andy Overmyer, Tim Land, Terry Cooper, Ron Greer, Mrs. Platt. (third row): Patti Chapman, Jay

Alwine, Lisa Antil, Cheryl Dahlkamp, Amy Yoder, Tammy Roberts, Beth Liechty, Theresa Minnick, Dawn Craig, Susan Hobson, Paula Ladd, Carla Ridderheim, Meme Gee, Tracey Miller, Geoff Weldon, Kent Roth. (fourth row): Tony Hechler, Rita Kaiser, Bob Wright, Jeff Handlin, Sheryl Feathers, Scott Boxberger, William Schwartz, Al Stovall, Duane Guingrich, Eugene Liechty, Pete Garrison, Tina Donat, Susan Scudder, Ron Bienz, Elaine Arnett, Megan Iemma. (fifth row): Tammy Liechty, Doug Dilley, Marty Heller, Ray Pulver, Jeff Loser, Chad Watson, Lauri

Swartz, Susan Haines, Susan Robbins, Jim Collins, Karen Herendeen, Doyl Steury, Jeff Walters, Jeff Miller, Todd Johnson, Ken Miller. (sixth row): Craig Willdrop, Ken Osborn, Jim Burns, Jason Bufe, Chris Wittwer, Beth Bridges, Chris Steury, Louisa Galupppo, Angie Kurtz, Rod Cole, Janna Schlatter, Cindy Miazga, Dawn Miller, Dawn Klaehn, Vince Leazier, Roger Diemer. (back row): John Richards, Ron Delagrange, Jeff Smead, Doug Fouts, Stacey Seiler.

**TRACKETTES.** (front row): Mr. Walton, Vicki Kerlin, Ginger Morgan. (back row): Peggy Roy, Deneen DeWitt, Valerie Hill, Susie Snyder, Deana Zimmerman.



# Best Seasons



8th grader Matt Kelly heads line in the 800-meter race.



Brad Coolman leads a pack of Woodlan runners in the 1600 meter race.

With 3 all-conference winning, the Leo Jr. High Boys' Track team won the overall ACAC meet by overwhelming defending champion Norwell 104 to 89. Brian Bauman won the discus event while Rob Pulver and Terry Doyle won the 400 meter and the high jump respectively. Awards were given to Matt Kelly for most improved and Terry Doyle for most valuable player.

Although the Jr. Hi. Girls' Track team only placed 4th in the ACAC Conference meet, they did come home with six records broken. Record breakers were Amy Williams in the 400 meter dash, Jackie Butler in the 1600 meter run, Bobby Clay in the long jump, the 400 meter relay team, and all-conference Tammy Witt in discus and shot put.



## Jr. Hi. Boys' Track

4-1 Overall  
ACAC Champions

## Jr. Hi. Girls' Track

5-0 Overall  
4th in ACAC

## JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS TRACK. (front row):

Coach Jack Larimer, Mgr. Pam Kurtz, Shellie Poling, Kate Ridderheim, Ann Huguenard, Laurie Roberson, Angie Baughman, Karen Lothamer, (second row): Irene Kissner, Tamara Witt, Kim Stuckey, Shelly Miller, Pam Alwine, Julie Hosier, Reann Panchev, Peggy Henderson, Amy Steininger, Coach Ruth Lebzelter. (third row): Andrea Zych, Denise Galuoppo, Laura Mizzell, Lisa Swartz, Faith Smead, Patty Roy, Krista Bufe, Amy Williams, Jenny Sauder. (back row): Kim Delagrange, Coach Jeanie Little, Megan Prough, Jackie Butler, Tina Gee, Cheryl Clark, Mindy Christman, Bobbi Clay, Lisa Land.

## JR. HIGH BOYS TRACK. (front row):

Mgr. Greg Kelley, Brad Fredericks, Scott Novak, Rick Ehlers, Jeff Kimbel, Brad Coolman, Chris Carcione, Todd Richie. (second row): Scott Kiem, Danny Osborn, Wade Oliver, Mark Handerson, Terry Doyle, Randy Miller, Greg Good, John Kurtz. (third row): Robbie Pulver, Keith Passwater, Boyd Coolman, John Poling, Eric Hobson, Gary Holms, Brian Bauman, Chris Lowden. (back row): Matt Kelley, Coach Jim Schneider.



# Sluggin' It Out

The Varsity Baseball Team got off to a rather slow start, but improved last year's record by one victory. The team lost its first four games, then came on strong to win the next five straight. From that point on, it was mainly a see-saw battle. On the whole, the team had a better than average season. As Mr. Michael Hey commented, "Our seniors played great for us, and we had a lot of young players show their talent. We played some good baseball, and ended up second in our conference, which was a really big highlight."

The team had four batters hitting at

over a .300 average. Ed Yoder, the leading hitter all year, won the batting trophy with a .402 average and also the RBI trophy with a total of 28 RBI's. Ed Yoder and Ray Pulver were both All-Conference selections at the catching and pitching spots, respectively. Pulver had the most wins, and according to Coach Hey, "Ray has really pitched well for us this season."

A good defensive second baseman, Trace Roth, and Pat Vendrely, who Hey called, "A very good utility player who also did a good job at the plate," were named ACAC Honorable Mentions, along with sophomore Chris

Gibson. Ray Pulver won the ERA trophy with a 2.98 average and Chris Gibson also won the stolen bases trophy by capturing 11. Also, six players on the team compiled a total of 11 homers with everything from solo homers to a grand slam by Pat Vendrely.

The season ended early with a 1-5 loss to Garrett (ironically repeating the season's opening loss) in the first round of sectional play.

-Pat Vendrely o

**Ducking, sophomore slugger** Scott Miller takes a close call at the plate.



**Continuously eyeing the pitcher** pays off for senior Trace Roth, who hit a double off him.

**An air of anticipation** fills the dugout as the team members await their turns at bat.

-photos by Michelle Yoder





-Michelle Yoder

**Senior Pat Vendrely** hurls another pitch, as he went 7 innings in a double-header against Snider. The Lions won this second game, 3-2, after dropping the first, 5-3.

#### BOYS' VARSITY BASEBALL

Won 9 Lost 11

Leo	5-11	Garrett
Leo	1-4	Harding
Leo	0-9	Dekalb
Leo	4-5	Eastside
Leo	5-3	Snider
Leo	3-2	Snider
Leo	10-0	Woodlan
Leo	7-5	Carroll
Leo	8-1	Churubusco
Leo	7-13	East Noble
Leo	11-1	Ft. Wayne Christian
Leo	1-6	Heritage
Leo	12-0	Southern Wells
Leo	5-9	Columbia City
Leo	11-13	Columbia City
Leo	2-3	Norwell
Leo	0-6	New Haven
Leo	6-2	Adams Central
Leo	8-4	Angola
Leo	4-6	North Side

#### Sectional

Leo	1-5	Garrett
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**Mr. Mike Hey** has completed his 8th year as head coach for baseball.



**BOYS' VARSITY BASEBALL.** (front row): Mark Sellars, Chris Kelly, Mgr. Todd Bertsch, Mgr. Pat Miller, Mgr. Mark Chaney, Chris Gibson, Kerry Clay. (second row): Todd Delagrang, Mike Perkins, Dave Wells, Jeff Miller, Ron Delagrang, Pat Vendrely. (back row): Coach Mike Hey, Trace Roth, Scott Miller, Ed Yoder, Ray Pulver, Rod Sinn, Pete Garrison, Asst. Coach Glen Gerke.



# CLASSES/CLUBS



**Scheduling conflicts can**

**L**earning the three "R's": reading, 'rit-ing, and 'rithmetic, isn't all that happens within the walls of the school. Of course, the basics are taught, but students also learn skills and attitudes that are valuable in being able to cope with an ever-changing world.

Growing intellectually requires some sweat on the student's part, however. Homework must be done; tests must be studied for. In the end, a final reward — a diploma, a grade, an education — makes all the late hours and headaches worth it.

One important thing learned in school can't come from books. Students learn to interact with others in activities that suit their individual interests.

Becoming more active can sometimes be a pain. Students must invest their spare time in working with a club when they don't have much time to spare. If a student wishes to be involved in more than one activity, scheduling conflicts are a common annoyance. Often, students must make choices between homework and extracurricular activities.

However, more often than not, the conflicts are resolved to a good end. Students find that through clubs they have grown in the ability to work well with others, to utilize their talents, and just spend some enjoyable times with their friends.

-Cindy Beck ○

With the help of 24 years' teaching experience and a lawnmower engine, Mr. Heller explains basic principles involved in working with small motors to Richard Fitts and Todd Kirkman.

be a pain at times.

Cutting a deck of cards isn't a normal dissection, but Missy Alwine, Mr. "D.", Cindy Doctor, and Ramona Eastes find it an enjoyable substitute for the usual biology labs. The special occasion was the biology class's "Christmas party," held on February thirteenth.



-Jeff Handlin





Story by  
Cindy Beck

Like pioneers  
moving out  
west, students  
and teachers  
are . . .

## ROUGHIN' IT

**WHOOSHI!** The girls scramble after homework that is flitting away on gusts of wind.

**Rrrrrumble. ZAP!** Drip, plink, plonk. Students, covering their heads, run like mad to their next classes.

Walking to class has become an adventure.

Oh, it's not due to poor ventilation or leaky roofs in the halls of a decrepit school building. In fact, the problem is the absence of halls themselves. Because construction on the south wing eliminated eight classrooms, many students travel to classes being held in eight trailers in the school's front yard. In order to reach their classroom-trailers, the pupils

must trek over rocky "sidewalks" and brave whatever weather conditions Mother Nature may throw at them.

If they make it (most do), the kids see the adventure isn't over.

Car noises from Amstutz Road, only yards away, seep in through

“It's nice to have class outside because we're away from the center of things. It makes for a nice, quiet atmosphere.”

—Mrs. Smith

the trailers' thin walls. Auto noises, coupled with the racket of construction work, are very distracting.

Nobody ever said that adventures are all bad, however. The trip outside offers fresh air, some sun, and scenery.

So, temporarily, students will cling to their papers, plug their ears while studying, and enjoy the great adventure.

—Cindy Beck





Students scurry to the protection of the main building, eager to escape a deluge from the drippy sky.

Struggling under the weight of a carpet, Paul Lash contributes his share of the work necessary to relocate the classrooms outside.

David Dilley




Kris Steury

Construction workers and students work together to make the big move from the south wing to the trailers a success.



## Junior High Required Classes

# Limited Options



"I don't mind having my classes chosen for me," said Leslie Yoder. "It's just one less thing I have to worry about." Although the high school students can choose many of their own classes, most of the junior high classes are required. All 7th graders must take English, math, geography, and phys ed. Mrs. Carol Gross, one of the guidance counselors, said, "The state recommends that the students get some experience in everything while in junior high, so that when they get to high school, they know what classes they want to take." Reading, home ec, industrial arts and art are also required for the 7th graders. They do get to select from general music, choir, or band for a class, though.

Leo is one of the few schools in the area that require Tourist Language. The reason that all 8th graders must take it is that the students are introduced to both Spanish and German languages. In high school the students then have an easier decision as to which language to take. Besides Tourist Language, 8th graders must take English, math, U.S. History, science, phys ed and health. "It is better if classes are chosen for the junior high because they really don't know what they want or need," added Mrs. Gross. The 8th graders must choose from home ec, industrial arts, or manufacturing, and they are offered a choice of choir, band, and art if interested. So they do get a few choices.

-Eugene Liechty o

**Mr. Schneider offers** advice to a student concentrating on his homework assignment.

**Students in Mr. Artherhults'** English class listen attentively as he dictates their vocabulary words.





**Working on their** homework assignment, students in Mrs. Hamilton's math class do their problems together.

**In order to determine** measurements in science class, Leslie Yoder and Michelle Delagrang conduct an experiment.





#### JR. HIGH HONOR SOCIETY.

(front row): Sherri Wasson, Melissa Medcalf, Anita Delabarre, Mary Blausen, Amy Williams, Aimee Richards, Faith Smead, Lisa Swartz, Leslie Yoder, Pam Kurtz, Amy Grayless, Missy Alwine, Ka-

ren Pfister. (second row): Cindy Dahlkamp, Renee Linn, Randy Miller, Brian Bauman, Randy Miller, Boyd Coolman, Tom Herendeen, David Cartwright, Darin Roth, Phil Neuhausser, Troy Klopfenstein, Tim Stoller. (third

row): Renee Butt, Cindy Bender, Tricia Liechty, Nora Cook, Keith Passwater, Chris Lovett, Rhonda Kiefer, Shelly Craig, Megan Iemma, Chris Grabowski, Karen Heine, Mr. Hartung.



## Not Just Another Face

In order to have been a member of the **Jr. High Honor Society** a student had to fulfill certain requirements. One such requirement

was that each member had to have at least an 8.0 grade point average. Another requirement necessary to be a member was filling out a paper in which

the members listed all their activities. In order for a member to have obtained a pin, he had to serve at the Senior High Honor Society Banquet.





-Michelle Yoder

**Gathering information with** the use of the card catalog, junior high students polish up their library skills.

## Options

Mr. Randy Artherhults, who teaches most of the junior high English classes said, "Helping kids make a smooth transition from the elementary to the high school is as important as teaching. Since the classes are required, I try to make them enjoyable and informative as possible."

Leo is one of the 3 out of the 18 surrounding schools that has both the junior and senior high in the same building. Although they are housed together, they are kept as separate as possible through careful scheduling. Having an extra class period, the junior high gets more variety in their schedules, getting a taste of everything. This makes their decision in high school easier.

All 8th graders take science from Mr. Richard Hartung. "I admire the fact that junior high students aren't afraid to try, and I like their enthusiasm," he said.

It seemed to be the consensus of most junior high students that required classes, like Mr. Hartung's science, are "all right." There are some exceptions though. "I don't feel that I should be forced to take Tourist Language. I don't like it and will probably never take a foreign language in high school," said Holly Redmon with a tone of resentment in her voice.

All the older students that have survived junior high must admit that required classes aren't all that bad and that taking them is a good preparation for high school. Mr. Hartung summed it up best when he said, "They come into junior high scared, shy, and wide-eyed, but by the time they enter 9th grade, most of them have gained self-confidence and a sense of belonging."

-Eugene Liechty ○



**Students compare findings** on an experiment in Mr. Hartung's science class.



**Entertaining his Tourist Language** class, Mr. Bonn shows a film of his native land, Germany.



**Mrs. Lebzelter shows** William Schwartz how to get all the angles congruent.



**Pulling his hair** is frustration, Mark Tormina thinks of a catchy word for his composition.

**Enjoying the activity** as much as the students, Mr. Gabet helps put collages together in Sail Class.



## Required Classes

# Mixed Emotions

All Sr. High students, no matter what the grade, have required classes, some of which involve a lot of work. For instance, the Freshmen schedule includes SAIL, health, physical education, and some choice of general math, basic algebra, or algebra. They also have to take some sort of science, like physical science or biology. The most recent addition to the Freshman schedule is S.A.I.L., which stands for Stop Abuse in Living. A comment heard by many is that it is a real learning experience, compared to a subject such as math.

There are two levels in the sophomore English department. These include basic or academic English courses; the academic courses are for college-bound students. The academic courses are American Literature and Grammar and Composition. Theresa Baily said that she felt that she learned more in one semester of Grammar and Composition than in her whole freshmen year of English.

—Julie Snider ■

With the use of a calculator, Sheryl Feathers finds the answer to the Algebra problem.



Cary Fries, Ben Funnell, and Richard Gardner study diligently in Mrs. Platt's American Lit. Class



**Hands-on demonstrations** are a common teaching practice in Mr. Gabet's classroom. Here he is aided by two very willing experimenters, Matt Grieger and Chris Wittwer.



**Mr. Dick Kierstead**, the U.S. History teacher, informs his class about one of the many exciting events that happened in bygone days.

**The U.S. History** class all seem to be involved in various activities. A class discussion is a common sight during one of Mr. Kierstead's history classes.



## Required Classes

# Bare Necessities

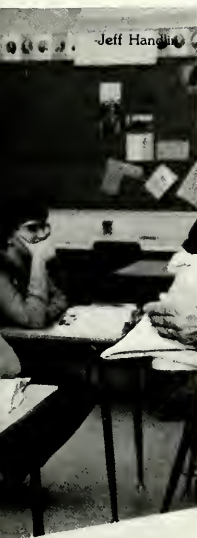
The juniors are required to take a class of United States History and their second year of English, which includes speech, English Literature, and Grammar and Composition. Rod Sinn commented that Mr. Richard Kierstead, the U.S. History teacher, knows his stuff and that he learned a lot from Mr. Kierstead during the class.

For the Seniors, Sociology and U.S. Government top off their year's schedule. With Mr. Steve Gabet teaching both courses, the seniors experience many different adventures, such as taking trips for government class to Indianapolis to tour the State House, and going to Fort Wayne's City-County Building and the court house.

In sociology class, the students many times end up feeling like psychologists. They observe couples who are supposedly in "love", and they play many society oriented games.

The subjects planned for each class are slowly becoming a tradition which we all have come to accept.

-Julie Snider ■



As Leigh Delagrangue participates in her junior history class, she waits her turn to join in the discussion.

There seems to be a difference of opinions in Speech Class. Rod Cole, Jill Linnemeir, and Nancy Pfister take control of the debate.



# Service Groups Popular

**FHA**, what does it mean? Well, for the members it meant helping people, going places, and growing together. When asked, "What was it like being in **FHA**?" member Dawn Craig quoted, "It was fun because we went on a lot of field trips and learned new things."

The field trips taken by the group included visits to such places as Seyferts,

a fashion show, and the State School. The group was also involved in such activities as cookbook sales, a bake sale, and a Valentine Candy Raffle. In April they sponsored a Easter Party for the Kindergarten which consisted of making Easter baskets and playing games with the children.

Exemplifying the spirit of the **Y-Teens**, Points

Chairman Dawn Kitzmiller stated, "I feel that the **Y-Teens** has really inspired me to help others. It builds a feeling of accomplishment in me knowing that I can help others in need."

The members try to accumulate as many points as possible by doing such things as service projects and decorating their show case in the East Lobby.



**FHA.** (front row): Lisa Van Allen, Barbie Albright, Michelle Yoder, Mrs. Doyle, Kim Reason-

er, Beth DeWitt, Vicki Kerlin. (second row): Missy Alwine, Tammy Roberts, Carmen Resch-

ly, Joitta Delagrange, Dawn Craig, Rita Kaiser, Julie Wisler, Cindy DeWitt, Maureen Doyle.



**Y-Teens.** (front row): Kara Butler, Sharon Shepard, Vicki Kerlin, Patty Souder, Julie Wisler, Rhonda Slentz, Shelly Neuhouser, Kim Roth, Janna Schlatter.

(second row): Mrs. Smith, Dawn Bender, Kelly Collier, Rhonda Kiefer, Nancy Glass, Chris Lovett, Debbie Harrod, Norma Lothamer, Chris Ridder-

heim, Tammy Thompson, Connie Anderson, Lori Yoder, Pam Lothamer, Karen Pfister, Jenny Kurtz, Julie Anderson.



## Basic Vocational

# Stitching 'n' Stirring

Wafting from Hall 13 comes a bevy of enticing odors. It must be the day to cook again in foods class! This year there has been an increased turn-out of the male gender in a class that had traditionally been an elective for girls.

Other home economics courses which are seeing more male faces are the clothing and foods classes. All junior high boys are required to experience the adventure of home economics. Although the boys have been exposed to both Foods and Clothing classes, the junior high boys seem more willing to use the needle, although a few senior high boys have ventured into the world of sewing machines.

The clothing class had a new face the first semester. Miss Rosie Junk, from Indiana State,

was a student teacher for Mrs. Manger in both P.E. and Clothing as well as coaching the Reserve Girls' Volleyball team.

Child Care is a class that consists of all girls and featured several special field trips. At Parkview Hospital the class toured through the birthing room and viewed the nursery. The main focus of the class is to familiarize the students with all aspects of having and raising a child.

The main goal of the home economics teachers is to get the students familiar with things in the home and to make the classes fun and exciting.

-Susie Robbins ○



**Having a friendly** conversation while sewing, Kim Douglas and Karen Wiblin pass the time in clothing class.

**Students in sewing** class look on as their instructor, Mrs. Schmidt, cuts a piece of material.

**Concentrating on her** sewing, Stefanie Smith adjusts the fabric under her sewing machine.



**TEACHERS' AIDES:** Tammy Ball, Susan Scudder, Kelly Collier, Lisa Van Allen, Sheila  
 Leichty, Ramona Eastes, Kelly Miller.



**OFFICE WORKERS:** (front row): Lisa Hadley, Brenda Burlin- game, Sherri Wasson, Michelle Delagrane, Kimberly Reasoner. (back row): Lori Caswell, Pat Miller, Theresa Minnick.



**CAFETERIA WORKERS:** (front row): Brian Shepard, Randy Miller, Bri- an Rothgeb. (back row): Lee De- labarre, Cary Fries, Mark Hend- son, Scott Miller.

## Finding Time To Help

Sacrificing time to serve the school were the **Of- fice Workers, Cafeteria Workers, and Student**

**Aids.** Some of the services these groups performed included serving food and helping teachers. Other

jobs ranged from helping a student with his physical science to collecting atten- dance slips.



## Basic Vocational

# Thriving Industrialists

Busily bent heads and sketching hands can be seen everywhere in room 143. When asked how big his classes were last year, Mr. Stuckey humorously replied, "32x16." Now, that wasn't really the question but Mr. Stuckey managed to relate that he had a full load of classes last year. Every period was full to the brim with excited and enthusiastic drafting and carpentry students.

Looking across the rooms of industrial arts classes, the number of female faces seen are few. Only eight high school girls are enrolled, but all junior high girls are required to take both Woods and Electricity. It is hoped that this requirement might create an interest as well as

lessen the pressure of the traditionally female and traditionally male classes.

There are many branches of the industrial arts field, and Mr. Heller and Mr. Bearman are the two other instructors who teach Power Mechanics and Woods, respectively.

When asked what the kids enjoy the most about his courses Mr. Stuckey classically replied, "Their teacher." Before becoming a teacher, Mr. Stuckey has had chances to enter, as a professional, the field he now teaches. But because he enjoys working with kids he has committed himself to teaching and achieving goals along with the students.

-Susie Robbins ○

**Mr. Stuckey** is giving some helpful tips to one of his students in drafting.

**Concentrating on** making the engine run well, Brian Smeltzer and Bob Chancey work in Auto Mechanics.



**Working with accuracy** and precision, John Lovett, Todd Bertsch, John Shidler put the final touch on another engine.

photo by Jeff Handlin



# Checking It Out

The **Business Club** was for students who had taken at least one business course. Occasionally, the club had professionals

from the area come and discuss the different aspects of business. The group also went on field trips and explored such

places as Lincoln Life, Grabill Bank, International Business College, and Anthony Wayne Bank.



**BUSINESS CLUB:** (front row): Rick Mowan, Dawn Bender, Lisa VanAllen, Shelly Neuhouser, Kim Reasoner, Janna Schlatter,

Kim Sellars, Tammy Keim. (second row): Karen Cavanaugh, Frank Albright, Elizabeth Carpenter, Tammy Thompson,

Steve Hill, Michelle Gooley, Beth DeWitt, Robby Hartnet, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Linson.



**Getting practice in** good management in their business class, Mike Wagner and Geoff Weldon write out financial statements.



# Taking Care Of Business

There is no other area covered in high school that will prepare a person more for the working world than the business courses. Those offered at Leo range from typing to recordkeeping and business law. Mr. Shaw and Mrs. Linson teach all of these courses.

Typing class is quite an experience in itself, but last year was even more of an adventure with a new teacher. Mrs. Linson, a first year teacher right out of Ball State University, replaced Mrs. Mumma as the typing and shorthand teacher. "I am finally on my own. It was a little strange at first, but I'm getting used to it," replied Mrs. Linson when asked what her biggest adjustment was in coming to Leo. Mrs. Linson also said that the average typing speed of a beginning student at Leo is 38.42 words per minute.

The other half of the business department is under the direction of Mr. Shaw. He is far from being a first year teacher, for he has a unique knack for getting along with his students. Mr. Robert "Bud" Shaw feels that his rapport is due mainly to the effort and interest his students show toward the subject.

The reason why Mr. Shaw feels so strongly about the business courses he teaches is that the average person uses business every day of his life. He said, "Going to the market, buying a car, and other such things are areas in which we all deal with sometime in our lives."

Not only is Mr. Shaw a teacher, but outside of his school work, he sells real estate. Mr. Shaw feels that his experiences in the business world allows him to draw on many examples for all his classes.

—Eugene Liechty ○

After writing the instructions on the board for the next problem, Mrs. Linson directs her typing class to work on the assignment.

In one of his business classes, Mr. Shaw explains an enlarged page from the Federal Income Tax form.

## Basic Vocational

In order to increase speed on timed writings in Mrs. Linson's typing class, students do the problems in repetition. They strive to get above the average number of words per minute.





Tami Jones



Instructor Randy Artherhults demonstrates to Beth Bridges how to film a television broadcast



**A.V.** (front row): Mrs. Doyle, Cindy DeWitt, Renee Gongwer, Julie Wisler, Maureen Doyle, Mrs. Haines. (second row): Mrs.

Grose, Barbie Albright, Theresa Burns, Cary Fries, Kristen Riederheim, Lesley Bufe, Todd Van-

Allen, Mr. Artherhults. (back row): Terry Doyle, Lee Delabarre, Tim Doyle, Joe Stolte.



**JR. HIGH A.V. CLUB.** (front row): Bruce Beerbower, Del Roth, Eric Hobson. (back row): Mrs. Doyle, Cheryl Clark, Krista

Bufe, Mindy Christman, Andrea Zych, Mike Witt, John Kurtz, Mr. Artherhults.



## Communication

# Roll 'Em!

"Lights-Camera-Action!" How many times have students wanted to be a part of the world of television? TV Production and Mass Media is a class that can give a taste of this life. The students undertake projects ranging from designing talkshows, to public service announcements and films that students write themselves. The class also helps the students become aware of how the media affects the viewing public.

These classes are popular ones which must be kept small in number so that everyone can become actively involved and partake in each hands-on project. One of the main reasons the class is liked so well is the enthusiasm displayed by the teacher, Mr. Randy Artherhults. "I love it!" he replied when asked how about his classes. "Until they have been in front of a video camera, students don't realize how tough it is to give a good performance. The joy of teaching the class comes when the students work as a team and act professionally in front of, and behind the cameras. I sometimes remind students that working in front of the camera is foreign to everyone. Even Walter Cronkite had to start somewhere."

The A.V. department, under the direction of Mrs. Phyllis Doyle and Mr. Artherhults, is kept busy making sure that films are delivered to classes, and sent back on time. In the **A.V. Club** the members are taught how to do such things as running projectors and overheads. This group of students is also taught how to repair minor problems that occur with the equipment.

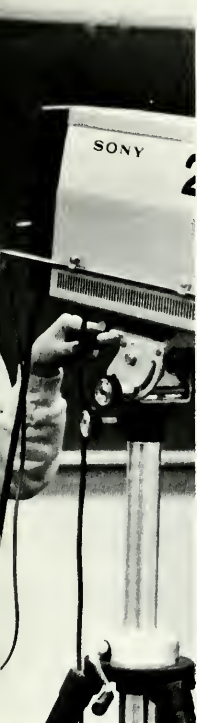
Media workers under the direction of four teachers, Mr. Artherhults, Mrs. Jean Haines, Mrs. Doyle, and Mrs. Rosemary Grose, work both in the library and the A.V. room. If the pupils in the class aren't checking out books for fellow students, they can be seen replacing books on shelves, or delivering films.

—Eugene Liechty ◊

**TV technician** Ren Delagrangre strives to catch both the sound and picture during a videotaping session in TV Production class.

**While a group of** students prepares background materials for a broadcast, Mr. Artherhults explains the necessity of exact timing.

**Concentrating on getting** the right angle, Beth Bridges and Kent Coppock focus in on the subject.





**Editor Sarah McNair** carefully applies rubber cement to an article as she pastes up the final issue of the paper.



**NEWSPAPER:** (front row): Ann Shepard, Mona Eastes, Lisa Albright, Susan Huguenard, Nancy Pfister, Patty Souder, Sharon Shepard. (second row): Andy McNair, Jeff Smead, Frank Albright, David Hill, Vickie Kerlin, Kim Roth, Kim Gruber. (back row): Skip Paul, Randy Cleven, Matt Grieger, Chris Wittwer, David Hosier, Mr. Jim Scheider, Sara McNair.

**Looking at the negatives** taken at prom, Cindy Beck and Jeannie Glenn decide which ones they want printed for use in the yearbook.

-Tami Jones



## Communication

# Telling It Like It Is

Everyone at least looks at, if they don't buy, a newspaper or yearbook. Paging through them, looking at all the pictures, and reading the interesting articles, not much thought is given to all the time and effort put into one of the publications. Both the newspaper and yearbook staffs consist of many industrious people. Not only do all these staff people work long hours during the school year, but they also go to summer camp and attend Journalism Day at Ball State.

The **Lion's Tale** is published once a month, and the newspaper staff has to work overtime to meet their deadlines because they can only meet during project period. Mr. Jim Schneider has been adviser of the newspaper for three years and he has achieved his goal of maintain-

ing the quality of the **Lion's Tale**.

The yearbook staff is also made up of a busy group of people. Every day from 2:10 till the end of school, these people can be seen in room 201, rushing around writing copy and captions, typing, and cropping pictures. The yearbook staff also attends summer camp and Journalism Day. Last year these activities paid off for the yearbook staff, because their **1980 Oracle**, "Its All News To Us," won first place in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association annual contest. Under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Lou Holbrook, the 1981 Oracle staff tried to uphold the traditions of top honors and top quality yearbook.

-Eugene Liechty ■



**YEARBOOK STAFF.** (front row): Cindy Beck, Mrs. Mary Lou Holbrook, Julie Snider, Rod Sinn, Jeannie Glenn. (second row): Kim Reasoner, Lisa Antil, Scott Hattery, Joyce Beerbower, Pam Working, Susie Robbins, Matt Grieger, Tony Hechler. (back row): Theresa Bailey, Bruce Roth, Laurie Johnston, Doug Lovett, Chris Wittwer, Dave Carnahan, Todd Delagrang, Robbie Roberts, Scott Harris-photo by Jim McKinley



## New Club Speaks Out

Practicing, preparing entries, memorizing, and writing final speeches were activities necessary to produce an adequate **Speech Club**. Because the club got off to a late

start, its members were able to compete in only two meets before Sectionals. However, the club's future plans include eight season meets, sectionals, and the hope to continue

to the final state meet.

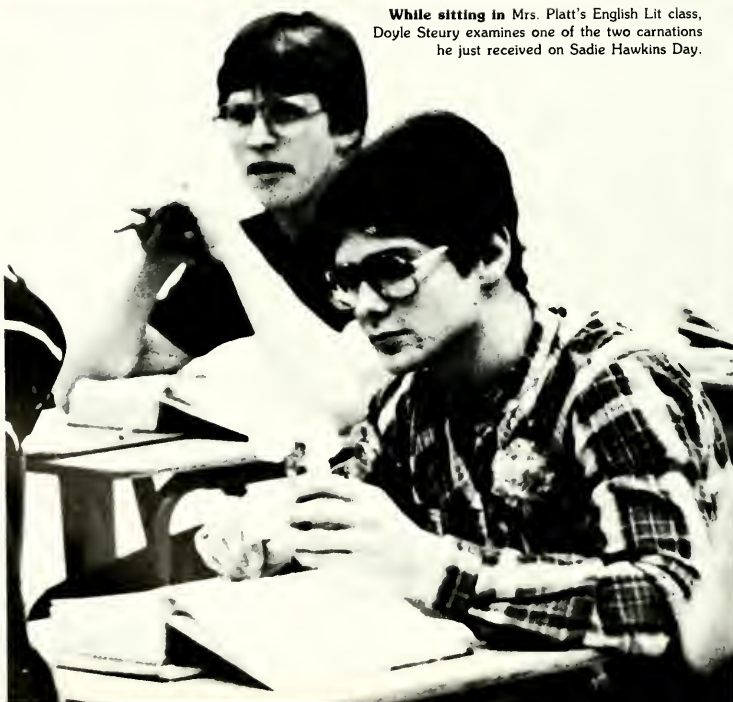
The club was composed of mainly academic students. The sponsors of the club included: Mrs. Gillett, Mrs. Marquardt, Mr. Artherhults, and Mrs. Smith.



**SPEECH TEAM:** David Hill, Karen Heine, Andy McNair, Ginger

Morgan, Randy Mishler, Chris Grabowski, David Hosier.

**While sitting in Mrs. Platt's English Lit class,** Doyle Steury examines one of the two carnations he just received on Sadie Hawkins Day.



## Communication

# Plainly Speaking

Some of the most important classes to take, in order to live well in society, are those that deal with communications. The communications department at our school ranges from English Literature to Speech, World Literature, and Grammar and Comp. Four very capable instructors teach English. The ninth graders get their basics in English from Mrs. Gillett and Mrs. Platt. Mrs. Platt also teaches English Lit. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Artherhults teach English to those students not on academic schedules, while Mr. Stover has all Speech, and Grammar and Comp. students.

Mr. Stover's classes are the most difficult for the average student, but everyone who goes through his courses becomes informed and is definitely ready for college. "I believe that it is very important for students to become independent and ultimately responsible for their own successes or lack of them; therefore, my main teaching goal is to help students become responsible so that they don't have to be told how to do everything," said Mr. Stover.

Speech is the class that puts fear in the heart of every student at Leo High School. When a student goes up to give his first speech, he turns red, stammers, and shakes uncontrollably, but by the time the semester is over, everyone in the class can go up and make a presentation to their fellow students without all the symptoms of a beginning speech maker.

-Eugene Liechty ◊

**Mrs. Smith gives** instructions to one of her students in creative writing class.

**The class watches** in anticipation as Mr. Stover is about to give the punch line to one of his famous jokes.

**It's speech day** again, and junior Sharon Shepard intently delivers her speech.





## Living The Cultures

Parties, refreshments, and going to exotic restaurants, were just a few of the activities of the **German Club**. One of the first events of the club was the Oktoberfest in which the club had a hayride and refreshments to celebrate. Later in the year the members went to the Hiedelburg Restaurant for an enjoyable German feast. An-

other activity of the club included seeing the Mountain Boys in concert. The only requirement of the club was the members had to be enrolled in a German Class.

The **Spanish Club** also had a year filled with excitement. One activity of the club was a Christmas party in which the members provided refresh-

ments and gifts for young orphans. Other activities of the club included going to see Don Quijote at the Civic Theater and having a German-Spanish party with foods from both areas. Receiving scholarships to Spain were two exceptional students, Deneen DeWitt and Elizabeth Carpenter.



**SPANISH CLUB.** (front row): Vickie Kerlin, Debby Kerlin, Angie Culberson, pres.; Jeanne Glenn, sec.-treas.; Valerie Zych, Jennifer Kurtz, Carmen Reschly,

Sandy Bishop. (back row): Flavia Herran, vice-pres.; Kim Culberson, Sandie Scudder, Rod Cole,

Miss Carr, Tom Overmyer, Kim Burkett, Tony Mizzell, Richard Gardner.



**GERMAN CLUB.** (front row): Kim Martin, Sheryl Feathers, Julie Anderson, Ramona Eastes, Paula Ladd, Patty Chapman, Ellen Piering, Valerie Zych, Michelle Gooley, David Hosier, Kurt Miller. (second row): Debby Philips, Bobby Wright, Andy McNair, Karen Heine, Patricia

Witwer, Susan Hobson, Dawn Klaehn, Susan Smith, Susie Haines, Karen Cavanaugh, Stacy Seiler. (third row): Carl Thomas, Andrea Stucky, Karen Herendeen, Renee Gongwer, Diane Grabowski, Beth Gottfried, Cindy Bender, Trisha Liechty, Kelly

Platter, Sherry Wasson, Jason Bufe. (back row): Bruce Weber, Mike Bartle, Rod Gaul, Eugene Liechty, Curtis Eastes, Troy Klopfenstein, Mike Thomas, Tim Stoller, Tom Herendeen, Mark Smith, Rob Sanders, Mark Lowden, Mike Peters, Mr. Bonn.



## Communication

# Language Students Learn Firsthand

Communication. How many of us know and use the real meaning of the word? Most of us have a hard enough time speaking the English language, let alone venturing into the world of the German and Spanish languages.

For German students, this year was an exciting adventure. They were lucky enough to have an exchange teacher, Manfred Bonn, from the small village of Masterhausen, Germany. When asked how he liked it in America, he said, "I am enjoying my stay here, and am learning to make many friends. The way of life in Germany

is much the same as it is here. The cost of living is not as high in America, though. For example, one gallon of gas in Germany is about \$3.00. Clothes are much cheaper here, too." Mr. Bonn also stated that living in such a large country is strange, and that within a few hours of his home, he could travel to France, Belgium, or the Netherlands.

It will be sad to see Mr. Bonn go back to Germany in June. He has been a great asset to the foreign language department.

—Eugene Liechty o

**Daniela**, an exchange student from Chile, and Theresa Minnick enjoy an American meal during class.

**Miss Carr** and her fourth year Spanish students, Flavia Herran, Jeannie Glenn, Angie Culberson, and Kathy Hursh, have fun with some souvenirs from Ecuador.





## The Quiet Competition

It was a club of skill, strategy, and concentration. The game played was chess and the club was the **Chess Club**. The group met every Thursday dur-

ing Project Period to put its members' skills to the test. The top two contenders were Mike Bartle and Jim Wittwer. The sponsor of the club was Mr. Noyer.

When asked to describe the members of his club, Mr. Noyer replied, "They always answer slowly, and never decide anything fast."



**CHESS CLUB.** (front row): Mr. Noyer, Bruce Weber, Frank Albright, Mark Moore, Mark Toar-

mina. (second row): David Hill, Andy McNair, Bobby Wright. (back row): Sam Wyman, Rod-

ney, Gaul, James Wittwer, Mike Bartle.



**Mrs. Lebzelter** explains the intricacy of the cone to her Geometry class.

The class isn't the least bit interested in solving one of Mr. Steinhauser's difficult problems. But everyone knows that this was all a put-on for the photographers.

## Technology

# Newfangled Ciphering

Due to the world's changing technology, the math curriculum has undergone many changes. The most obvious aspect of this is the introduction of calculators into the classroom. "We do things now, with the use of calculators, that we couldn't have done five years ago," said Mr. Steinhauser, the Algebra and Trigonometry teacher.

The computers also save work and make class more enjoyable. Mr. Steinhauser's math classes aren't fun just because of computers,

though. He said, "I try to develop an informal atmosphere by adding a little humor to the dull routine. For example, we (Mr. Tom Steinhauser) berate women all the time."

Computers and calculators are being introduced because society is relying more and more on machines to do their computations. Also, for the students willing to work at it, there are a great number of job opportunities opening up in the field of computer programming.

-Eugene Liechty o



Guy Platter tries to get the angles congruent in Mrs. Lebzelter's Geometry class.

Hard at work in Algebra class, Tricia Liechty and Julie Anderson find the answers to their homework problems with the use of calculators.



**Stacy Seiler** found something amusing in her Biology book. While Shawn Miller, and the rest of the class took notes on photosynthesis.



**Is it the mad scientist?** No, it's sophomore Ed Yoder working on his experiment in Mrs. Marquardt's Chemistry class.

**Focusing the microscope** for a better view, Cheryl Leslie gets a clear picture of an onion skin.





## Technology

# Systematic Explorations

Under the direction of four very competent teachers, the science department helped prepare students for life in a highly technological world. Science classes ranged in difficulty from courses as basic as Physical Science to those as advanced as Physics.

Students could begin their scientific studies with Physical Science, taught by Mr. Noyer. Some of the class's requirements were performing lab experiments, writing term papers, and giving oral reports. Physical Science was not a prerequisite for any other science courses.

If students were college-bound, they tended to go straight into Biology, taught by Mr. Divelbiss. Leaf collections and dissections were some of the hands-on projects that were highlights of the class. A student interested in anatomy and scientific method could take Advanced Biology, also taught by Mr. "D." The biology curriculum was cut to two course offerings after the cancellation of the popular Marine Biology trip to Newfound Harbor Marine Institute in Florida.

One of the most popular classes, due to the value in college preparation, was Chemistry. The class, taught by Mrs. Marquardt and Mr. Noyer, involved learning elements, writing formulas, doing various lab experiments, and summarizing articles from **Sci Quest**.

A group of determined seniors composed the toughest science class offered at Leo. Taught by Mr. Hartung, Physics class served to educate those students planning to enter engineering, science, or physics in college. The physics students enjoyed labs such as building toothpick bridges, floating clay boats, and making homemade ice cream.

Labs involving food were one thing all science classes had in common. Perhaps the availability of bunsen burners made these labs possible.

-Cindy Beck ■



Judging by the expression on his face, freshman Barry Craig enjoys conducting experiments in Mr. Noyer's Physical Science class.



**SR. HI BAND.** (front row): Megan Iemma, Shelly Craig, Carri Weilbaker, Rita Kaiser, Barbie Albright. (second row): Maureen Doyle, Linda Warner, Kelly Garman, Mary Glass, Becky Ehlers, Joitta Delagrange, Chris Lovett, Gretchen Strasser, Cindy DeWitt. (third row): Mark Lowden, Andy McNair, Amy Yoder, Linda Crabill, Missy Alwine, Ron Chancey, Susan Heare. (fourth row): Tammy Leichy, Kim Roth, Rich Gardner, Carmen Reschly, Cindy Doctor, Jenny Wright, Cindy Dahlkamp, Tom Franks. (fifth

row): Lynn Gerig, Rhonda Kiefer, Greg Bauman, Jeff Bradley, Duane Guingrich, Pete Garrison, Jay Rothgeb. (sixth row): Mark Neuhouser, Jeff Wright, Gary Heare, Jay Alwine, Chuck Ruppert, Kerry Clay, Cheryl Dahlkamp, Randy (seventh row): Mike Krause, Mark Moore, Kelly Collier, Phil Neuhouser, Eric Gustin, Curtis Miller, Ron Delagrange. (Back row): Janna Schlatter, Lisa Hadley, Tim Blauvett, Ed Yoder, Guy Platter, Stacy Seiler, Jon Yoder, Julie Moss, Scott Caywood.



**MAJORETTES.** Barbie Albright, Rita Kaiser, Cheryl Platt, Carrie Weilbaker, Megan Iemma. Not pictured: Shelly Craig



## Fine Arts

# Different Drummers

There were many additions to the band family last year. The main change was the new director, Mr. Ray Blombach. He was a student teacher in the music department during 1980, and when Mr. McBane decided to take a sabbatical to further his education, Mr. Blombach took over his position.

Along with Mr. Blombach came new songs, and new innovative ideas, such as the pep band for the girls' basketball team, and new routines for football season performances. The pep band was a real addition to the band program, as this provided an opportunity for kids who weren't otherwise participating in a music pro-

gram to be a part of a performing group.

The band also participated in contest at West Noble High School. They received a second rating. A major aspect of being a band members is performing at the home football games. Besides the band, the majorettes and the drill squad also perform for these games. To be a majorette one must first be a band member. Another requirement is to go to a majorette camp in the summer.

"We have a pretty balanced band, it's been an interesting first year," Mr. Blombach stated.

-Susie Robbins ■



**Many long practices** led by director Ray Blombach give the band a great sound that the crowds at football and basketball games love to listen to.

**While the band** plays in the background, the drill squad gives another one of their crowd-pleasing performances to the spectators at homecoming.

**DRILL SQUAD.** (front row): Theresa Kurtz, Rhonda Bailey, Kelly Miller, Jane Zorger, Tammy Keim, Lori Garman. (second row): Dawn Kitzmiller, Joan Saturday, Sheley Neu-houser, Denneen DeWitt, Nancy Glass, Marcy Dwinell, Vickie Kerlin, Rhonda Slentz, Kara Butler, Kim Burkett. (back row): Ronda Krugh, Lee Henderson, Karen Pfister, Tammy Thompson, Julie Hechler, Flavia Herran, Theresa Bailey, Laura Saum, Debbie Kerlin, Jean Saturday, Sharon Shepard, Valerie Hill.



**Darlene Delagrange and Erin Doyle**, along with the rest of the Sr. High Choir, can be heard singing in the choir room every school day during third period.

**Starting the song** at the right tempo, director Mr. Flick works with the Senior High Choir.



**CONCERT CHOIR.** (front row): Tammy Troyer, Debbie Harrod, Tammy Roberts, Lisa VanAllen, Marla Yoder, Shelley Neuhouser, Patty Souder, Valerie Hill, Jane Stout, Marlene Delagrange, Sharon Shepard, Kim Sellars. (second row): Dawn Kitzmiller, Kara Butler, Rosemary Meadows, Nancy Pfister, Theresa Kurtz, Lynn Thomas, Bob Heiser,

Kim Martin, Tina Franks, Jeannie Glenn, Mr. Flick. (third row): Kathy Hursh, Ronda Krugh, Tammy Thompson, Trace Roth, John Holderman, Scott Boxberger, Duane Caywood, Lori Yoder, Jody Hatfield. (top row): Erin Doyle, Darlene Delagrange, Dawn Bender, Terral Vlot, Jeff Clark, Warren Blomberg, Tim Doyle, Darrell Graber, Jane Zorger.



**GIRLS GLEE.** (front row): Margaret Rentrow, Chris Wittwer, Debbie Kerlin, Julie Anderson, Kim Hein, Lisa McQueen, Kris Mosier. (second row): Lori Yoder, Deb Fore, Hope Wilson, Debbie Means, Julie Wisler, Lola Amburgey, Leah Thornhill, Teri Burns. (back row): Susie Haines, Susie Smith, Andrea Stuckey, Julie Snider, Susie Robbins, Lauri Swartz.

## Fine Arts

# They Sing The Songs

When Mr. Flick is preparing for a concert, or getting ready for contest, he has his hands full. There are three choirs in the Senior High Department. The Concert Choir, the Girls' Glee Club and the Swing Choir are the choirs in the Musical Department.

The Swing Choir is the most active group as they perform at many out-of-school activities. They go to nursing homes, private parties, and the State School. They have a varied program which includes a number of different types of music. The group also performs at all of the concerts, spring and winter, including the Spring Festival.

All the choirs, except for the Swing Choir,

took part in the choral contest at West Noble High School. The Concert Choir received a II rating, and the Girls' Glee got a I rating.

For the Spring Concert last year, the format was changed. Along with the usual performances by the Junior and Senior High Bands and Choirs, the Drama department had a special presentation. Since last year was the year for a musical, the cast presented a few scenes from the play.

Leo is widely known for its excellent music program. There has always been a fine tradition starting with Mr. Flick, and ending up with the talented students.

-Susie Robbins ■



**SWING CHOIR.** (front row): Trace Roth, Darlene Delagrang, Eugene Liechty, Jody Hatfield, Guy Platter, Jeanie Glenn, John Yoder, Dave Baumgartner, Jane Stout, John Holderman, Erin Doyle. (back row): Terry Cooper, Dawn Kitzmiller, Jeff Clark, Marlene Delagrang, John Stout, Kathy Hursh, Darrell Graber, Jane Zorger, Tim Doyle, Kim Sellars.



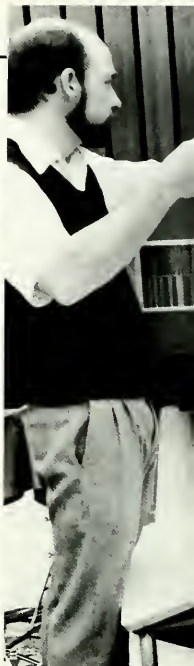
**Mr. Ray Blombach** directs the clarinet section during a practice session in the Jr. High Band period.

**Mr. Flick's student teacher**, Steve Narhwal, helps some of the Jr. High Choir boys work through a piece of music at the piano.



**JR. HIGH BAND.** (front row): Brian Shepard, Cheryl Clark, Krista Bufe, Andrea Zych, Jo Hobson, Pam Alwine, Katie Ridderheim, Kim Stuckey, Shellie Barker, Reann Panshev, Allen Chancey. (second row): Kim Delagrange, Mindy Christman, Amy Williams, Irene Kissner, Diane Newport, David Means, Suzanne Hohl, Jane Reece, Amy Neu-

houser, Ron Mancini, Terry Crooks (third row): Rick Ehlers, Brad Fredricks, Chris Johnston, Jon Poling, Chris Sukala, Brian Rothgeb, Davis Sessions, Keith Martin, Chris Hattery, David Castator (fourth row) Bart Albright, Doug Shaffer, Terry Doyle, Joel Yoder, Tim Hadley, David Shaw, Greg Kelley, Wally Miazga, Scott Novak.



# 7th, 8th Graders Make Their Own Music

"Practice makes perfect." This saying has been stated and restated many times. It seems that this age old adage starts at a young age, and it's no exception for the Junior High Band and Choir.

For seventh graders, band is a new and exciting experience because it is the students' first real taste at participating in a organized band. The Junior High Band participated in the band contest at Churubusco High School. They received a second rating. "It's not anything like I expected it to be. It's fun to be in band," replied a seventh grade band student.

The seventh and eighth grade choir is an-

other musical experience for Junior Highers. "Many kids get involved in music during their Junior High years," replied Mr. Flick the choir director, "but in Senior High, the kids in choir are the ones who really want to be involved." The Junior High Choir also went to contest and received a second rating.

Leo has had a tradition of excellent music programs. And not unlike the other renowned practices, the bands and choirs start at a young age. Although most musicians hate to hear it, practice does make perfect!

-Susie Robbins ■



**JR. HIGH CHOIR.** (front row): Laurie Wilson, Tom Dykhuizen, Todd Ritchey, Brad Coolman, Chris Carcione, David Alexander, Vince Stovall, Ed Herran, Amy Cook, Mandy Lemma, Tracy Busch, Amy Lewis. (back row): Kaye Callow, Mary Blausen, Laura Gehrig, Peggy Henderson, Janice Glenn, Shellie Poling, Karen Lothamer, Angie Venderly, Cherie Crooks, Debbie Bishop, Kim Fitzgerald, Lee

Douglas, Diana Kurtz, Wendy McDaniel, Patty Roy, Sheri Clouse, Christy Martin, Lori Eubank, Julie Hosier, Angie Baughman, Nancy Wyman, Megan Prough, Dana Bailey, Amy Steininger, Kristie Witt, Chris Ruppert, Jody Halt, Lisa Land, Connie Day, Lorie Roberson, Sunday Webb, Ann Huguenard, Beth White, Kelly Nichols.



## Fine Arts

# Creative Outlets

For many students looking for a way to express themselves, the Art Department provides the perfect solution. Classes range from beginning design like Art 1, 2, to Photography, and Advanced Design where art majors spend a semester working more intensely in just one area.

Students in Art this year learned "Right Brain" drawing, patterned after the popular book with the same title.

While many of those who take art classes are seriously interested in the field, there are many others who take art mainly because, "It's fun!" This attitude probably stems from the two instructors, Mr. Mike Bearman and Mrs. Mary Lou Holbrook. Both feel that learning should be fun, and that school doesn't have to be boring or a dreary place to be. Radios hum with the latest rock tunes and gaily designed kites hang from the ceiling in Mr. Bearman's room.

Besides the school art show (see p. 26-7), several students entered the Scholastic Art Awards and the St. Francis College Art Exhibit. Senior Sarah McNair won first place in the Indiana Women's Club district contest with her charcoal portrait.

-Susie Robbins ■



**Ben Funnell completes** his part of the special project, painting in Mrs. Lebzelter's classroom.

**Joan Saturday discusses** points on pottery with a fellow classmate in Mr. Bearman's Art 1 and 2 class.





**Welding a needle tool,** Todd Kirkman puts the finishing touches on a bowl he has just thrown on the electric potter's wheel.



**Mrs. Holbrook starts** to get things organized for the Fine Arts Festival. Which was held in the "East Lobby Gallery" for the last time due to the remodeling.



**Joan Saturday and Mike Ritter** look on as Delbert Dela-grange pries apart some clay at the extruder table.



-Michael Day



**Heavy duty machinery,**  
construction workers, and  
trenches such as these be-  
came common sights in  
the Leo area as the com-  
munity grew.

# COMMUNITY

## Trenches web the countryside.

**T**he most visible of all growing pains are those taking place in the community. Construction can be seen everywhere, as new homes and businesses pop up in areas previously covered with crops. Miles of trenches web through the countryside, serving as final resting places for the new sewer lines connecting Leo with Fort Wayne. The schools of the community are expanding to meet the demands of the rapidly enlarging population within their districts, also.

All this growth is not without its up-and-downs, however. The areas being built up mean that some nature is forfeited. The trenches aren't all that bad, except that they cut through some residents' front and back yards and driveways.

As a community grows larger, it tends to grow more impersonal, too. People no longer recognize everyone in the home stands of a basketball game or in the check-out lanes of the local grocery store.

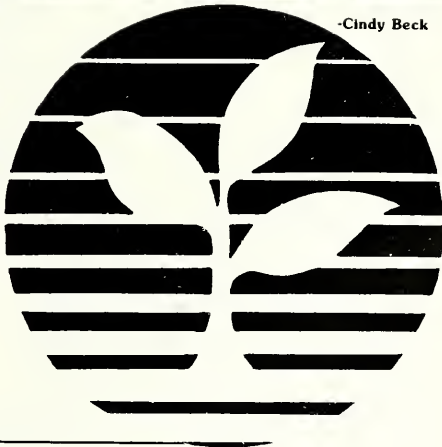
The benefits that a larger community receives, such as better roads, a wider variety of businesses close at hand, and bigger and better schools, compensate for the pains that growing causes. The changes aren't easy to make at first, but everyone has to learn to walk before he can run, and we're fast learners.

-Cindy Beck ○

Grabill Days, with its country fair atmosphere, great food, and parade, and crafts, is always a big area attraction. Here, Leslye Bufe, Nancy Glass, and Barb Albright enjoy the festivities amidst a jumble of balloons and tissue paper flowers.



-Cindy Beck







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**Stealthily,  
mysteriously, it  
slipped in,  
all pervasive,  
week-long**

# THE FOG

It crept  
in on "tiny  
cat feet"  
like those  
m e n -  
tioned in  
the poem  
Carl Sand-  
b e r g

wrote about it. Like a  
stray cat, it sauntered  
about the countryside,  
taking its time all the  
while. It left five days  
after it had arrived,  
just as mysteriously  
and quietly as it had  
come.

"It" was a patch of  
fog that held the Leo  
area bound for a long-  
er period of time than  
any snows had in that  
winter. "Fog days,"  
like snow days, were

“

I got halfway to  
school before I knew  
it was cancelled.

Boy, was I mad!

-Becky Ehlers

”

enjoyed  
by Leo  
students  
since they  
provided a  
break in  
the rou-  
t i n e  
weeks.

The fog days, however,  
did not rescue students  
from entire days of  
school. Two-hour de-  
lays were the only res-  
pite the fog furnished.  
That was enough to  
please the students,  
who got two extra  
hours of sleep and  
shorter classes.

Maybe now, instead  
of doing rain or snow  
dances, Leo students  
will be dancing for  
fog ... and more sleep.

For the bus drivers, the fog meant driving in less-than-desirable visibility despite the two-hour delays called for by the administration.







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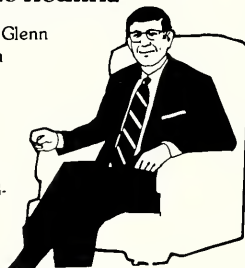


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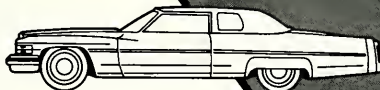
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A large group of students, likely a school sports team or club, are posing for a group photo outdoors. They are arranged in several rows, with some students kneeling or sitting in the front and others standing behind. Many of the students are wearing dark blue or purple letterman-style jackets with white trim and letters. The background features a paved road, a grassy area, and several trees, some of which are bare, suggesting a cooler season. The overall tone of the photo is nostalgic and candid.

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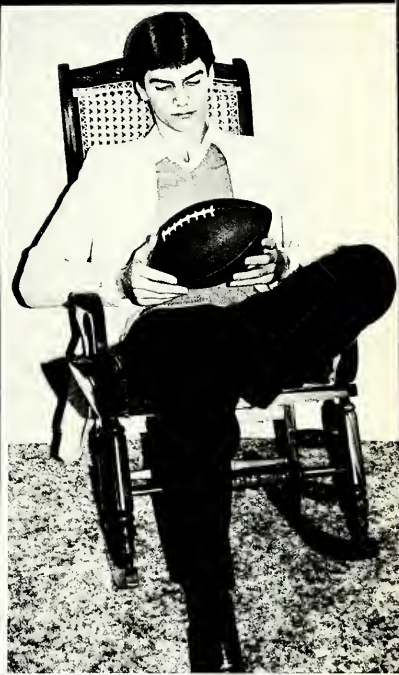
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**W**hen talking to **Mrs. Mary Lou Holbrook** about yearbook, perhaps the most appropriate question would be, "Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your yearbook grow?" Answer: "Bigguh an' bigguh!" (Sorry, Col. Savedge). The 1980-81 **Oracle** staff was the biggest crop she had ever raised. Two young upstarts, **Joyce Beerbower** and **Cindy Beck**, assisted her in farming out work to the staff. Although neither had had any yearbook experience, they weren't afraid to get their hands dirty and soon bloomed into cultivated co-editors.

The rest of the staff was planted into sections to assure maximum productivity. One of the first sections to be picked was **Student Life**. **Doug Lovett**, **Jeannie Glenn**, and **Robbie Roberts** composed this crew, which toiled each season to put out a vintage crop.

Another group to turn in an excellent harvest was the **People** section. **Dave Carnahan**, **Todd Delagrang**, and **Laurie Johnston**, who didn't all have class the same hour, sacrificed some project periods to reap their section early. One comment about the **Sports** gang is that they "grow on you." **Scott Hattery**, **Rod Sino**, and **Matt "Rat" Grieger**, with his earthy humor, composed one of the liveliest, unpredictable clusters ever seen in yearbook class.

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While speaking of hired hands, those of **Kim Reasoner**, typist, can't be ignored. Kim let her fingers do the talking during her fifth period study hall, lending a vital service.

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**Elizabeth Carpenter's** chore was to oversee the fruits of the staff's labors, managing the monetary harvest, not an easy task.

This staff, watered with a deluge of Diet Pepsi, manage to flourish, coping with furrowed brows and late nighters. No one promised them a rose garden, but they got one complete with thorns. Carefully weeding, though, they harvested a bountiful yield — **ORACLE '81**.



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A glance at the school, a glimpse  
of our thoughts, reveal that  
socially, physically, and emotionally  
we are . . .

## GROWING GROWING..

Growing. Pains. We've seen them both. Looking back on the year in retrospect, we can see that it has been one filled with changes, both good and not-so-good. In just nine months, the construction has mushroomed considerably, germanating enthusiasm about the expansion.

The accompanying mess, which originally met with groans and grimaces, is now seen as necessary and is tolerated in view of the final



product, a new school.

Friendships, planted in the warmth of late summer days, have flourished and blossomed into hardy relationships. However, as some of us seek to branch out into the world, it seems as if the camaraderie we share is plowed

under. It's still there, waiting to sprout up in a new place. We go vining off in our own directions, knowing our roots are here, even though we and the school we remember are . . .





-Michael Day

**These two faces** will no longer be seen in the office. Mrs. Miriam Jones has retired after 25 years at this desk, while Mr. Gary Novak has accepted the principalship of the high school in Fairplay, Colorado.

**Soaped windows** were the sight that greeted underclass motorists following the seniors' graduation rehearsal. Here Chris Kelley and Scott Kelly remove all traces of the seniors' prank.



-Michelle Yoder



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**At school's end**, Mr. Hal Platt and Mr. Tom Steinhauser enjoy the summery air while watching for students skipping out or returning pranks from the senior class.

**One last bus ride**, one last drive home, and it's all over . . . until fall.

-Terry Cooper



Like the *American Gothic*'s way of life, the west wing in the background bade wistful farewell this spring in the face of the school's GROWING PAINS.



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